

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

California-Pacific Annual Conference

“To be the Cup Overflowing with Peace – Called to be Peacemakers”

University of Redlands
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*As this grain was once scattered in the fields
And has come together in one bread,
So we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one,
For we share one bread.*

These words for the Lord’s Supper are the ideal description of our annual Session this June. From the many fields of ministry where we share the bread of Christ with our diverse communities, we will come together as community to feast on the bread of fellowship, inspiration, and renewal. We will do so in worship, communion, bible study, small groups, and most joyously in song.

Our theme for this Session is a further expression of the call to “Be the Cup Overflowing~ with Peace: **Called to be Peacemakers.**” We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the origins of our Social Principles, and gain a deeper understanding of Jesus’ words, “Blessed are the peacemakers.”

We will also fulfill our calling as the Body of Christ *in the United Methodist way*. That means we will jointly make decisions about our mission, how we go forward, and how we will be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us for mission. We will do so through legislative processes and other discernment methods reflecting the best of who we are as Christian community.



Mary Ann Swenson

Gathering of the Orders of Ministry Wednesday Morning

Jorge Lockward led the gathering of clergy in Orton Center in opening singing with music from many cultures.

John Farley, chair of the Order of Elders of the Board of Ordained Ministry introduced Bishop Mary Ann Swenson to convene the gathering. The Bishop affirmed Jorge's music today, as well as his sharing at the School of Congregational Development in San Diego last year.

J.T. Greenleaf and Bill Johnson were called forward to humorously compare their heads with Bishop, following her chemotherapy. The Bishop movingly testified about her love for the gathering is as big as the depths of the ocean. She is grateful for her time of recuperation in Hawaii. She has been a pilgrim for 35 years of ministry. She acknowledged her journey through the valley of death and celebrated being alive, thanks to many in our body. She affirmed those who have died and are now part of the community of the saints.

John Farley, Chair for the Order of Elders and Debbie Gara, Chair for the Order of Deacons introduced the design of this gathering: "to share the highs and lows of our ministry, and the challenges before us," so that we may begin our Conference by being in community. As requested, there will be more time for sharing this year. Short presentations were given by fellow clergy, followed by songs and response questions for sharing around the round tables, which were lavishly provided with fruit, crackers, cheese, tea and coffee.

Information on help and support provided the Orders of Ministry was provided on a CD distributed at registration. The same information is available on the Conference website www.cal-pac.org. Information on the CD website includes: Funds available for continuing education, family counseling; Information for Staff-Parish Relations Committees on how their work flows throughout the year, not just at appointment time; Dating Guidelines for Clergy; Basic self-care information.

"Orders of Ministry Covenant Renewal and Restoration: A Process" handout described the process by which a concern a full member in the Orders of Deacon or Elder has about another full member can be raised with the covenant community through the Order of Elders for clarifying options for resolution available to the parties involved. A trained Christian mediator, who is not a member of the Conference, will be made available, paid for by the Orders. For questions about this process, clergy are invited to talk to a member of the Orders.

The "Bishop's Convocation" was renamed "Clergy Convocation", to be held again in Desert Hot Springs. Scholarship funds are available from the Order of Elders: \$45 rebate applications from the Ministry Education Fund. Ministerial Education grants are also available.

Tia Wildermuth explained more about the nature and work of the Orders of Ministry with an “Ode to the Orders of Ministry”, which lifted up the funds provided by the orders for retreats, lectures, plane fare, food and fees, as well as quadrennial money to help cover costs for CEUs. Funding is available for events like the Fall Convocation, and books that are used by small clergy covenant and cluster groups. The Orders encourages clergy to connect by supporting one another in small groups. Orders also pays for Transitional Workshops for moving clergy, and marriage and family counseling for clergy & family members. Elder Pastor support enables clergy to have a wise listening ear to help them in times of discernment.

These Questions for Sharing were offered to encourage table fellowship:

“What is the blessing you receive through gathering with those at the table today?”

“What have been the defining moments of your ministry?”

“What are blessings that have occurred in your ministry that were part of God’s vision?”

“What trial in ministry have you struggled through?”

“What is the blessing you want to reach in the next five years of ministry?”

Clergy friends who presented inspirational personal reflections on their ministry were Sheila Kane (Deacon), Jorge Martinez (Local Pastor), Alena Uhamaka (Full Elder), and Christian Dement (Commissioned on Elder Track).

The gathering was moved by the prayerful singing of “I Surrender All”, jubilant singing of “With My Two Hands” (with accompaniment by John Farley, Christian DeMent, Molly Vetter, Nestor Gerente and Neil Platon), and “Guide My Feet While I Run This Race”.

The Bishop lifted up for prayer those whose mothers have gone on to glory: Rick Malec, Hillary Chrisley, and Jim Standiford. She celebrated the births of two babies to be baptized this Annual Conference, whose parents are Piula and Kim Ala’ilima, and Joseph and Esther Choi.

The Bishop offered a Franciscan closing blessing:

*May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression and exploitation of people
So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.*

*May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them
And turn their pain into joy.*

*And may God bless you with enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a difference in the world,
So that you can do what others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.*

Laity Session Wednesday Afternoon

The Lay Members of Annual Conference gathered at 3:30 p.m. in Orton Center. As they gathered the excellent DVD of the highlights of the 2006 Annual Conference was presented by Philip Freeman, Lay Leader of the Los Angeles District, and his wife Connee as a way to introduce newcomers to the events of Annual Conference.

Opening prayer was lead by Rev. Paul Dinkel, pastor of San Marcos United Methodist Church, and member of the Conference Board of Laity. He announced, "The laity are the church!"

Welcome and Introduction of District Lay Leaders was led by Ken Ellis, Lay Leader of the California-Pacific Annual Conference. Richard Kim, member of Holliston UMC and President of Conference United Methodist Men presented Ken Ellis with a UMM shirt for his instrumental help in the re-introduction of the UMM in the Cal-Pac Conference.

Announcements

Joann Orinder from the Committee on Disability Concerns explained the chair covers in the Chapel designate seats reserved for those with disabilities and disabled parking passes. Covers are not to be removed for any reason. The original 50 are now only 31. She also described "pre-scriptures" bottles to be sold at the Disabilities Concern booth as a fund raiser, and shared a reminder to use the tip jar for shuttle drivers, as well as the tip jar in the Commons for the youth who are bussing tables. An accessibility audit will be taken of all 450 churches in the Annual Conference.

Eva Thai and Candie O'Dell stated the Commission on the Status and Role of Women is again monitoring legislative sections and plenary sessions. When speaking in the microphone clearly state your name, district, church, and whether you are lay or clergy.

Parliamentary procedures were reviewed by Becky Haase, President, North Valley Caring Services Board of Directors. Members should wear name badges on campus, and especially to plenary sessions as they are required to vote for delegates to General and Jurisdictional conferences. Other items: sit within the bar of the conference, especially if you wish to vote; speak clearly on the microphone so that all may hear, and speak for 3 minutes or less; write out motions before or immediately after speaking it at the microphone, so that reporters can accurately record it. She reviewed petitions, resolutions, recommendations, motions, and the consent calendar, and answered questions about a new resolution. She answered question about the status of resolutions presented at previous Annual Conferences and referred members to the preliminary report which lists past resolutions still in effect.

Wesley Circles (dialogue groups) were described by Rev. Ron Griffen. This is an opportunity for the body to pray with and for one another in smaller groups as a process of "holy conferencing" which began last year, to enable us "to be the cup over flowing with peace".

Election process for delegates to General and Jurisdictional conferences reviewed by Rev. Dr. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, and Dan Gara, Executive Director of Finances & Administration and Conference Treasurer of the California-Pacific Annual Conference. Our Annual Conference will elect 5 lay and 5 clergy delegates.

Benediction was given by Ms. Mozelle Taylor, Santa Anna District Representative, Board of Laity.

Clergy Session Wednesday Afternoon

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the Clergy Session to order in the Chapel at 2:05 pm. Al Tabeta gave the opening prayer. Those gathered sang “And Yet Are We Alive.”

Bishop Swenson indicated par. 600 of the *Book of Discipline* defines those who are eligible to vote in the Clergy Session. Laity are to attend a separate Laity Session. Bishop Swenson asked permission of the body for Conference staff persons Gail Kendall, Cathy Wilson and Wes Davis to remain for the session. **This was supported.**

The Bishop instructed non-voting probationers to come to the front at the end of the session to be instructed by the head usher to assist with balloting during plenary sessions.

Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Report, Diane Rehfield, Chairperson.
Motions by Preston Price presented at last year’s Clergy Session:

Motion #1: “That the Board of Ordained Ministry explore further ways to increase transparency in their work and report to the body the results next year.”

Response:

a) Overview of the Process. Candidates are interviewed in a three levels with different concerns being addressed at each level.

At the level of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry the question addressed is one of fitness: “Is this a person who would do well in ministry; do they evidence a clear pastoral call?” The interviews at this level are relatively short. (*Book of Discipline* par. 634.1(f) defines the relationship of the District Committee of Ordained Ministry to the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.)

At Conference Board of Ordained Ministry in the Probationary Section, candidates are evaluated based on the readiness: “Is this person ready for full-time ordained ministry?” The perception that the bar for the probationary level has been raised is correct. Years ago when there were many associate pastors, a person who was deemed ready for pastoral ministry was placed under an experienced senior pastor for further mentoring. These associate pastoral opportunities are now very rare. Many persons coming into ministry are serving as a solo pastors, so there are higher expectations for readiness at this level than in years past.

The final next level of the District Committee Ordained Ministry, Full Connection Section, the question is one of “effectiveness”. The long and lengthy interviews and long papers are designed to determine the effectiveness of the candidate in carrying out pastoral ministry.

b) Candidates are either recommended or continued. All those interviewed are given recommendations for growth, whether they are continued or not. It is not a policy of the Board to tell candidates that their commissioning will be taken away if they do not fulfill these recommendations.

c) Requirement for one unit of full-time Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is controversial. However, so many people have found CPE to be so helpful, that the Board continues to require it. This requirement is a rule of our Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry; it is not a requirement of the *Book of Discipline*. During Annual Conference, on Saturday, June 23 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall Board members will be available to talk with persons about their difficulty in meeting the CPE requirement.

d) Statistical information on those who have applied for probationary membership. For the past quadrennium, starting in 2005: of the 65 total who applied for probationary membership, 35 were recommended and 30 were continued; of the 57 who applied for full ordination and full membership, 26 were approved and 27 were continued and 4 were discontinued. Of those approved 35 were non-Caucasians; 30 Caucasian; 38 female; 27 male. Those approved for full connection 31 were non-Caucasians, 26 Caucasian, 31 male, 26 female.

There are no conditions for continuance, as mentioned earlier. Sometimes persons are suggested to come back in two years. However, everyone has the option of returning the following year.

e) General reasons for continuance. For those applying as probationers and for applicants for full connection the main reason for continuance is a difficulty in articulating a theology that is practical, and a need to be able to communicate theology more effectively to the congregation.

Motion #2: In light of the Board's clear desire to nurture, that the Board be asked to review its practice of informing and communicating with candidates who are continued, and report the results of such review to next year's session.

Response: This was already in revision before it was requested. Derek Nakano developed a Shepherd program to address this concern. This year three shepherds were assigned to move with the candidates on the day of their Board interview through the three interviews with smaller groups from the Board. They stayed with the candidate throughout the time they spent with the Board interviews. The shepherd was also part of the final deliberation on the approval of the candidate. It was helpful for the shepherd to have seen the candidate in all three interviews, so had a bigger picture to share. The shepherd did not vote. The candidates who were repeating their application reported that the anxiety level was much lower than at their first interview. Those who were continued at the full connection level are given the name of a Board member to contact regarding questions. We ask that they only talk to this one person to keep clear channels of communication.

Motion # 3. In light of Disciplinary par. 634.1(f), which states that District Committees on Ordained Ministries are subcommittees of the Board of Ordained Ministry, that the Board be asked to review the relationship they have with District Committees on Ordained Ministry and to identify ways to enhance that relationship and report to next year's session.

Response: Again, this was already in the works. Cheryl Connors is the new Candidacy Registrar. The chairpersons of the District committees are now invited to all Board

meetings of the candidacy committee, in addition to the Board member, who is also a District member.

Race and gender issues. Garlinda Burton, General Secretary of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, met with the Board two years ago to suggest ways to monitor progress in the Annual Conference. This year, she will train the Cabinet and the Executive Committee to address all levels of concern on race and gender.

Sexual misconduct. Dating guidelines were mentioned in the morning Orders of Ministry session. Dr. Krista Givens did a doctoral survey “Celibacy in Singleness: Survey 2006” and found a need to take this issue more seriously. Society may be taking this lightly, however, the legal system is not. This is not just a matter of money. The world is not taking this lightly. The Conference takes this so seriously that clergy could lose their membership in the Annual Conference due to misconduct.

Introduction of New Leadership. In July 2009 Derek Nakano will be the new Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry. He is currently the Probationer Registrar.

Report on Candidates for Commissioning and Ordination. Kathey Michelle Wilborn, Board Registrar, Rosemary Davis (Chair of Deacons Section), Derek Nakano (Probationary Registrar), John Woodall (Full Connection Registrar), Gail Messner (Chair of the Transfer Committee), Cheryl Connors (Candidacy Registrar). Prayer was also offered for those who were introduced and approved by J.T. Greenleaf, and Don Austin. *(This report was distributed on the floor of the Clergy Session.)*

The Board presented only issues requiring action by the Session. “The Business of the Annual Conference” is the new name for “Disciplinary Questions”. Persons are requested to place written corrections of misspelled names in the yellow box in the narthex.

pp. 5 & 6 of “The Business of the Annual Conference” handout lists the names of the probationary members.

Move Question 39. David Conrad requests readmission as a member in full connection. **It was supported.**

Question 41. Introduction of new members transferring from other Annual Conferences.

Move Question 19. Cheryl Connors, Registrar for Candidates added Kevin Lee as a new certified Candidate from the Riverside District **It was supported as amended.** J. T. Greenleaf prayed for the candidates.

Vietnamese Mission. Dave Richardson presented an update on the work of Rev. Hmuong, Vietnamese pastor, he introduced last year. He invited on stage Bau Dang, Steven Kim, Jonathan Lee & _____, who taught the Course of Study to lay pastors in Vietnam. There are eight lay pastors to be recognized, and two are women! In 2000 there were no UMC present there. Today there are 24 UMCs! The house church model helps grows churches quickly!

Vietnam is no longer a mission field. It is now a missionary conference, under the direction of Bishop Goodpastor.

Bishop Swenson remarked the Vietnamese UMC began Christians looked up The United Methodist Church on the internet. After studying our theology and church order, they chose to associate with the UMC!

Don Austin prayed for the mission work of the new churches in Vietnam and the local pastors.

Moved Question 25, p. 4. Those of other Christian denominations serving in our conference, while maintaining membership in other denominations. Bishop invited those present to stand. **It was supported.**

Moved Question 26, p. 5 List of affiliate members serving in this Annual Conference. **It was supported.**

Moved Question 46. Those discontinued from probationary membership. One new clergy. **It was supported.** Bishop expressed thanks for the clergyperson's years of faithful service. Chairperson John Woodall offered prayer.

Question of Character. After polling the District Superintendents, all clergy for the respective districts of the Annual Conference were found to be blameless in their lives and official administration, with the exception of one in the Riverside District, three in the Santa Ana District, four in the Santa Barbara District and one in the San Diego District which are all in the process of being resolved.

Moved Questions 54 (Leave of Absence), 57 (Incapacity Leave), and 54 (Voluntary Leave of Absence) and 55 (Family Leave) on pp 9 & 10 of the Clergy Session report, by Dave Richardson. Amy Rosenbaum requested to be listed on Family Leave, not Leave of Absence. Discussion ensued regarding the difference between Leave of Absence and Family Leave. After due consideration, Amy Rosenbaum reiterated her request to be placed on Family Leave. Dave Richardson called for a vote on Question 54 Leave of Absence less Amy Rosenbaum. **It was supported.** Dave Richardson then called for vote on Question 55 Family Leave with Amy Rosenbaum added. **It was supported.**

Corrections. Chuck Mabry is changing from incapacity leave since the last session to incapacity leave as of 7/1/07 (Ref. Questions 57a and 57c). Remove Fred Erwin from Question 57(c) as he is retiring this year. David Richardson prayed for those on leave of absence." **It was supported as corrected.**

Moved Questions 58-61 by Diane Rehfield - those who are entered into and are entering into the retirement relationship with the Annual Conference. They will be recognized during worship on Friday. They were asked to stand as the names were read. Clergy Session is required to vote to approve their retirement. **It was supported.** Henry Masters offered prayer for the retirees.

Kathy Michelle Wilborn **moved Disciplinary Question 58** (Transitional Leave). **It was supported.**

David Richardson presented Question 52 (Deceased). A time of silent prayer was observed for private reading of the names, followed by spoken prayer by David Richardson.

Part IV Diaconal Ministers. Questions 70-80 are for the information of the body.

Part V. Kathey Michelle Wilborn **moved approval of Question 82** (less than full time service). District Superintendent Myron Wingfield requested that Susan Juergensen be added, as she is part time associate at Hope UMC in the San Diego District.

This concludes the report of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Bishop asked if the body would **receive the Business of the Annual Conference** contained in the written report, with amendments. **It was supported.**

Commendation given to the Bishop from the floor on her remarkable stamina after a period of long illness.

Bishop asked the body to remember those who have been recently injured: Randy Johnson and Andy Mattick's 4-year-old daughter.

Eligibility for Voting. Richard Bentley reminded the body of a Judicial Council ruling making it clear that those who have not yet been ordained are not allowed to vote, even if they have already been elected into full membership in the annual conference.

Clergy Session was in recess at 3:51 p.m. after singing "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath" (UMH#60) which Charles Wesley sang on his death bed.

Opening Worship Wednesday Evening

An enthusiastic crowd gathered on the front steps of the Chapel, called to worship with the sounding of the shofar by Rev. Todd Ehrenborg. The Tongan Choir of Tongan UMC of Waimanalo, Hawaii, exuberantly sang "The Queen's Prayer" by Queen Lili'uokalani. Followed by a calling and response of each District led by the Bishop. The worshippers then danced to rhythm instruments to enter the Sanctuary, "Marching in the Light of God", and offering joyful exuberant praise singing. Soaring doves sailed over the congregation as a sign of the Holy Spirit's presence among us!

The Old Testament reading was from the prophet Amos 7:8, read by Betty Kobata of the Methodist Federation for Social Action Leadership Team. A Call to Awareness from the Iona Community was sung and a Litany of Awareness from "Transformation" by Flora Slosson Wuellner was led by Rev. Louis Chase, MFSA Co-President. The offering benefitted The Global AIDS Fund, and was introduced by Rev. Debbie Gara. The offertory was sung by the Youth and Adult Tongan Choir of First Tongan UMC, Waimanalo, Hawaii, and prayer of dedication was offered by Candie O'Dell, MFSA Leadership Team.

Rev. Richard Bentley, MFSA co-President presented the Recognition and Celebration of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. The Gospel Matthew 5:1-9 was read by M. Theresa Basile, MFSA Communications Director.

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson offered an enthusiastic and inspirational message on the importance of our inward and outward ministry for making peace in the name of Christ.

Conference Prayer for Healing was offered by the Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya. Closing prayer was written and led by Phil Shigekuni, MFSA Leadership Team, followed by The Call to Holy Conferencing by the Bishop, a reading of "The Social Creed of the Methodist Episcopal Church" of 1907.

Plenary 1 Wednesday evening

Call to Order. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the first Plenary to order at 8:49 p.m. She called on Tonya Harris to greet the Annual Conference as Agenda Chair. Tonya acknowledged Erika Gara for her tutorage.

Orders of the Day. The orders were presented and moved. **It was supported.**

Opening Business. Bob Isip, Conference Secretary, presented **five procedural motions:**

1) That the agenda in the preliminary report be the official agenda of this Annual Conference, and that the Agenda Chairperson be authorized to make necessary adjustments in consultation with the bishop as needed. **It was supported.**

2) That the bar of the conference (seating for those voting) be established the main level seating area of the Chapel, the balcony seating level from the stairwell entrance forward, green room, stage, and AV room. **It was supported.**

3) That the proceedings printed in the UM Daily be the official minutes of the Annual Conference, after they are corrected and approved. **It was supported.**

4) That the registration forms be used as the official roll call of the Conference Sessions. **It was supported.**

5) That all resolutions not adopted by the end of Annual Conference be referred to the appropriate entities. **It was supported**

Members of Conference were asked to make corrections their tracking sheets (a list of all the items and the rules for consideration this conference) which was provided in the arrival packet.

In order to have time to consider resolutions distributed during Plenary session, moved to suspend Conference Rule, Section I p. 10, Vc2b Vc3b which requires handouts need be in the hands of members for a certain amount of time before they are acted on.

Suspension of the rule was supported.

Two items were to be cross off the tracking sheet list:

1) Rules #5 "Membership of Board of Ordained Ministry".

2) In the section called “Resolution to Petition to General Conference”, cross off Resolution No. 1.

Ushers distributed tonight the following items to be added to the tracking sheet:

- 1) CCYM Rec. No. 1.
- 2) Conference Personnel Committee Rec. No. 1. and Rec. No. 2 (one sheet)
- 3) Resolution No. 45, “Becoming an Abolitionist Conference.”

In section called “Resolution to Petition to General Conference” write in Resolution No. 9. This document is a substitute for Resolution No. 1 that was crossed off earlier.

“Support for the National Plan for Hispanic Latino Ministry,” had no number on it, so in “Resolution No. 10”.

In arrival packet, a sheet labeled “Justice for Brandon Heim” had no number. Write in “No. 42”.

“Report of a Proposed Process for Determining the Impact of 1982 Surplus” is a replacement for the proposal in the arrival packet.

Procedural motion. Preston Price moved that those who have a cell phone go off within the bar of the annual conference be invited to make a loving, voluntary \$20 donation to “Nothing But Nets”, a campaign to end malaria in Africa. **It was supported.**

Internet access is available this year.

Safety issues - Scott Wolverton, stage manager reviewed emergency procedures for earthquakes, locations of emergency phones on campus, nurse’s station and handicap accessible restrooms. Reminder to drink lots of water and get enough rest. Important not to stand or sit in the aisle or back of the chapel.

Grant Hagiya gave an overview of the issues facing General and Jurisdictional conferences. He encouraged the body to vote to ensure diversity of culture, race and age in our delegation.

“**The Wesleyan Way**” brochure distributed and video show to illustrate the balance acts of mercy and compassion using the symbol of the Jerusalem cross.

Benediction, Grant Hagiya. The gathering danced out of the chapel to the quad to celebrate, with food and fellowship, the 100 years of Methodist Federation for Social Action.

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Bible Study & Worship Thursday Morning

As members of the 23rd Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church gathered to worship and praise God, joyful opening singing was led by Jorge Lockward and musical members of Cal-Pac.

Introduction of Bible Study Leader. The Rev. Dr. Bruce Birch is the Dean and Woodrow W. and Mildred B. Miller Professor of Biblical Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He was introduced by his former student Sam Yun, who said of him that he is “not only able to ‘live in the scriptures’; he is able make the scriptures come alive.”

Opening Prayer – “A Call to Awareness” was led by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson to remind us that our purpose at Annual Conference is to transform the world, ignited by God’s grace and inspired by God’s Word.

Scripture Micah 6:1-9 (from “The Message”) was read by Jorge Lockward.

Song “What Does the Lord Require of You”

Bible Study – Rev. Dr. Bruce Birch

“Shalom” is the goal of covenant community, which was formed by God to join in partnership with God to make God’s kingdom as visible as possible on this side of heaven. Shalom is more than an absence of war. It is *wholeness*: love, justice, faithfulness, and freedom. To live in the covenant community is to live an alternative consciousness, a model different from others.

In Exodus 19:4 the covenant community begins when God delivers us, choosing to participate in our woundedness. This forms us into a priestly people, who stand between God and creation, mediating the wholeness that God intends. This model is one that matches God’s radical freedom and vulnerability with the economics of equality and the politics of justice. God cannot be domesticated, controlled and managed. In contrast, “God in a box,” the religion of a domesticated God, supports an economics of privilege and the politics of oppression.

When these two models come into conflict, the contract/covenant is broken. Micah 6 presents a trial, a “controversy” (or lawsuit) between God and Israel. In verse 3, God offers testimony, reminding Israel of all that God had done for them. Israel’s response begins in verse 6: “We’ve paid our apportionments, accept our appointments, and work hard. What more does God want?”

The verdict in verse 8 (“God has already told you”) tells us that God does not want *more*. God does not what the world sees or wants. Instead, God asks that we accept walk the difficult, challenging path of justice, love, and wholeness with God.

Bible study ended at 9:21 a.m.

Announcements

Wesley Circles - Ron Griffen. After encouraging the body to breathe in and out as a reminder that God's spirit is breathing in and out of us through the day. The purpose of Wesley Circles is to focus on the why of doing the things we do in our holy conferencing. The goal is to build relationships in a small group setting that will last through years as we focus on our theme of being the cup overflowing. Members had been assigned to Wesley Circles according to colors chosen from the colored cards in the arrival packet. Wesley circle meeting room locations were read.

Exit music: "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

Plenary 2 Thursday Morning

Global Praise. Opening singing and dancing of hymns and global praise songs were led by Jorge Lockward.

Call to Order. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the Session to order at 10:34 a.m.

Opening Prayer for Peace was offered by Janet McKeithen.

The Queen's Prayer. The Tongan Choir taught the body to sing "The Queen's Prayer" by Queen Lili'uokalani. The words are in the Worship Booklet, distributed in the arrival packet and on p. xvi in the Preliminary Report.

Orders of the Day – Tonya Harris, Agenda Chair. Wireless connection written instructions available from Agenda Desk. Recognized today's co-Convener, Howard Cutter, Lay Leader of the Riverside District, seated onstage beside the Bishop. Tonya **moved** the orders of the day. **They are accepted.**

Courtesies – Susan Juergensen and Linita Moa introduced two speakers:

1) Burned Churches - Yvonne Williams Boyd reviewed the history of the Burned Churches Workcamp, begun in 1995. She invited all those to stand who had participated in the past. Four teams this year will be led by John Wood (Santa Barbara First UMC and a local Santa Monica synagogue); Rick Uhls and Yvonne Williams Boyd will lead other teams. Teams will leave last week of July through August 25.

Committee on the Episcopacy, Jan Wiley and Ken Ellis. "The Bishop's Birthday. The Bishop was invited to close her eyes, while the members of the Conference placed "geometric shapes on the proper location" (party hats on the head), to celebrate the upcoming 60th birthday of Bishop Mary Ann Swenson on July 8. The body joyfully sang "Happy Birthday". Local churches had been invited to bless others in the Bishop's name by making donations in "60s" to mission projects and ministries to make a difference in the world. The numerous gifts were read in three separate plenary sessions. This day 10 gifts from local churches were read aloud.

Nominations Committee – Gilbert Stones. "Elections". Gilbert read our guidelines for voting from our Conference Rules B, nos. 1-11. We will elect this Conference 5 clergy

and 5 laity to General Conference, 5 clergy and 5 Laity to Jurisdictional Conference, and an additional 3 clergy and 3 lay Jurisdictional alternates. He reminded the body that clergy nominations must come from clergy, and laity nominations must come from laity. Nomination forms to be given to Tonya Harris, Agenda Chair by 12 noon at the end of today's plenary session.

Those already nominated from District Conferences were scrolled on the monitor. The Bishop opened the floor for nominations to General and Jurisdictional Conferences, who were added to the list of nominees:

2007 General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegate Pre-Conference Nominees

District abbreviations: Hawaii (HI); Long Beach (LB); Los Angeles (LA); Pasadena (PS); Riverside (RI); San Diego (SD); Santa Ana (SA); Santa Barbara (SB)

NOTE: The numbers beside the names were to be used to mark ballot form to be provided at the plenary sessions:

CLERGY

Pre-Conference Nominees

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| 1 - Bridgeforth, Cedric – LA | 16 - Johnson, Randy - RI |
| 2 - Chase, Louis – LA | 17 - Kim, Woong-Min - HI |
| 3 - Cooper-Ledesma, Kathy – LA | 18 - Lee, Suk Boo - SA |
| 4 - Dang, Bau – SD | 19 - Masters, Henry - LA |
| 5 - Farris, Patricia – LA | 20 - Moore, Mary Elizabeth - RI |
| 6 - Feldmeir, Mark – SD | 21 - Riggs, Roy - RI |
| 7 - Finau, Amelia – LB | 22 - Santillana, Teresa - LB |
| 8 - Greenleaf, J. T. – RI | 23 - Seals, Lee - RI |
| 9 - Griffith, Thomas – SB | 24 - Smith, Eric - RI |
| 10 - Hagiya, Grant – LA | 25 - Ulrickson, Mark - SA |
| 11 - Hammond, LLC – LA | 26 - Valles, John - RI |
| 12 - Hawkins, Cavalain – LA | 27 - Vetter, Molly - SD |
| 13 - Hill, Paul - LA (Withdrew by his request) | 28 - Vindel, Jose - RI |
| 14 - Hwang, Keith – PS | 29 - Whang, Phillips - RI |
| 15 - Inloes, Don – RI | 30 - Wulf, Frank – LA |

Nominations from the Floor

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| 31 – Abrams, Cynthia – LA | 36 – Garner, Rich – PS |
| 32 – Batson, Gregory L. – PS | 37 – Hill III, Thomas C. – PS |
| 33 - Bentley, Richard – PS | 38 – Rhodes-Wickett, Sharon – RI |
| 34 – Chung, Judy – SA | 39 – Villamin, Lily M. - LB |
| 35 – Coots, Cathleen “Catie” – SB | |

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Pre-Conference Nominees

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| 1 - Aliifua, Lauolefiso – LB | 15 - McVey, Krista - RI |
| 2 - Bartley, Robert – LA | 16 - McVey, Helen - RI |
| 3 - Cook, Vicky – SA | 17 - Moala, Talaivosa - |
| 4 - Ellis, Ken – SB | 18 - Moore, Wayne - LA |

5 - Elkins, Jenee – SA	19 – O’Dell, Candie - LB
6 - Gara, Dan – PS	20 - Pineda, Albino - SB
7 - Hawkins, Erin – LA	21 - Riggs, Cheryl - RI
8 - Hawthorne, Jackie – LA	22 - Samuel, Nelson - RI
9 - Hygh, Larry – PS	23 - Seaver, Rick - SA
10 - Kehrberg, Norma – HI	24 - Stephenson, Mark - LA
11 - Kim, Jaime – RI	25 - Switzer, Leah - RI
12 - Kim, Richard – PS	26 - Thai, Eva - SA
13 - Maka, Mele – SB	27 - Urda, Ana-Haydee - LA
14 - McCart, Sharon – SA	28 - Yoon Fukumoto, JoAnn - HI

Nominees from the Floor

29 - Contreras, Dean – LA	32 - Kim, Helena - LA
30 - Greenleaf, Angelica – SB	33 - Suchocki, Dr. Marjorie - RS
31 - Hanstedt, Debbie – SD	34 - Han, Young Grace - PS

Gilbert moved to close nominations. **It was supported.**

Courtesies. Stuart Dorsey, President of the University of Redlands, and a United Methodist lay person, was introduced by the Bishop to give greetings to welcome the UMC for our 57th Annual Conference on campus. The United Methodist motto, “Open hearts, open doors, open minds”, is also what Redlands strives to be. Redlands students have completed 1,000 of local community service hours, as well as participating work teams in New Orleans. He presented the Bishop a book celebrating the 100 years of the history of the University of Redlands.

Announcement. Book signings with authors from our Annual Conference will take place each afternoon. Today Dr. Edward Sedgeforth will autograph his book at Cokesbury, located in the Hall of Letters to the west of the Chapel.

Comprehensive Report. Keith Hwang, Conference Director of Connectional Ministries, will be presenting five video reports during Annual Conference to lift up those who are “cups overflowing” with peacemaking.

Katrina Rebuild Project Video: “Rebuilding Homes, Rebuilding Lives”, narrated by Ken Ellis, Conference Lay Leader. This project began as a gift to Bishop Swenson. From April 7 to May 5 188 members and friends of Cal-Pac Conference formed 8 functional teams, framing, drywall, flooring, painting, electrical, and plumbing. They lived at UMC Camp Gulfside, bringing hope to Hancock County, Mississippi. Homeowner David Schotts was interviewed. We’ll be back next year! A half million dollars was raised!

Point of Personal Privilege: Sara Heath, candidate for ordination in Mississippi, who is the youth pastor and campus minister of University UMC in Irvine, thanked the Conference for the ministry we are doing on behalf of her friends in Mississippi. 55 volunteers, including youth, went with her team from the Santa Ana District.

Those who participated in work teams were invited to stand to be recognized.

Comprehensive Report – Leadership Team/Conference Committee on Finance and Administration. Amy Aitken, Wayne Moore and Jackie Hawthorne.

The *Book of Discipline* states the formal purpose of the UMC is “to make disciples for Jesus Christ in order to transform the world.” Making disciples has three practical dimensions: 1) Individuals experience God’s transforming grace. 2) The community gathers at the communion table to nurture our spiritual relationship, to move from the internal to the external. 3) To seek justice, and “speak truth to power” to transform the world.

Our Vision: 1) to be the cup overflowing; 2) grow the leadership of lay and clergy; 3) navigation and planning the next steps for our journey together along the Wesleyan way.

Presentation of the 2007-2008 Budget by Wayne Moore, Chair of Conference Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA) with Cedric Bridgeforth and JoAnn Fukumoto of the Leadership Team.

Proposed Changes in the Budget. See p. 58 of the Preliminary Report.

- 2.9% increase in budget, which about the same as increase in consumer price index.
- Ministry Funding Increases for Equitable Compensation, Claremont School of Theology, Camping and Outdoor Ministries.
- Change in funding for Congregational Development whose purpose is to start new ministries and renew existing ministries.
- Episcopal Residence Repairs are essential to prevent risk of devaluation of the property.
- Increase Clergy Minimum Salary by 10% for clergy elders and 7% for probationary clergy under active appointment. Our current levels are significantly below the denominational average, which affects our ability to have skilled leadership.
- Capital Reserve additions, which the Conference’s emergency fund.
- Camping increase. (Board of Camping will bring its report tomorrow, prior to voting on final budget.)
- \$500,000 for future pensions. Though the stock market changes, it is projected that the available surplus funds to pay CRSP will remain the same.

All proposals are designed to fit the 1-2-3 Strategy outlined at last year’s Annual Conference, and their development reflects intentional feedback from many parts of the Annual Conference.

Strategic Initiatives Proposals:

1. Center for Leadership for Excellence with Claremont seminary: appoint an Executive Director of Leadership Development who will be shared with the Claremont School of Theology.
2. Renew and reshape youth and young adult ministries through a Director of Development for Young People who will focus our attention on the emerging generation of future church leaders for all ministry settings (age focus 10-30).

3. Future Leadership Incentives: funding and oversight provided to congregations and ministries to expand existing or establish new positions for fostering the development for younger clergy.
4. District Coaches and Community Developers: funding for district-based congregational coaches and community developers to provide congregation and community specific guidance and resources in both revitalization and formation of new ministries.

Conference Personnel Committee will review the requirements for new salaried positions. Funding for the proposals will begin in January 2007. Leadership team recommends that the funding for 2007-2008 be combined for the proposal chosen. This is a change, as the budget is usually written for one year at a time.

Moved by Richard Bentley that, in light of Mary Elizabeth Moore's motion passed by the Annual Conference last year to have three possible plans presented at this Annual Conference for the use of the Pre-1982 Pension Funds, that we table the Leadership Team Initiative until we have three plans to choose from. The motion to table is not debatable. **It was not supported.**

Request from the floor to a picture and biographical information of those who are nominated from the floor this morning. **Request supported.**

Tom Ziegert of Venice UMC **moved** that "using the model of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference model, a task force be formed to submit a plan to Conference to plant a new church each year." Craig Brown, Chair of Congregational Development, pointed out that this year we are starting five new churches and revitalizing two more. **Substitute Motion** to refer this motion to the Board of Congregational Development. **It was supported.**

Jim Butler, California Council on Alcohol Problems, requested a time to meet with the Board of Pensions. A meeting was arranged following this plenary session.

Rules Committee. Bob Stimmel, Chairperson reminded the body that the deadline for proposed changes in Conference Rules is March 1st of each year.

Legislative Sections. Karen Ristine, Coordinator explained the legislative process. The members of the Annual Conference will break into 8 legislative sections to vote on legislation. Complete information on the process of legislative sections appears on p. xxiv of the Preliminary Report.

Nelson Castorillo of First UMC of Brawley **moved to adjourn** to lunch and return later to continue the consideration of the Leadership Team Report.

Closing Prayer given by Carol Simpson, member of Glendora UMC, and an exploring candidate for ministry, on the deacon track.

Session adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Plenary 3 Thursday afternoon

Global Praise. Jorge Lockward led the congregation in pre-plenary singing.

Opening Performance by Tongan dancers. One dancer is a son of Rev. Langi Fine, pastor of Waimanalo. He served in the Iraq and was critically injured, but is now healed and attending college. The Conference expressed its appreciation for his service.

Call to Order. Bishop Swenson called the plenary to order at 3:59.

Prayer and Song for Peace. Orville Benjamin, Long Beach District Lay Leader. Tongan Choir led in singing the Queen Liliuokalani's prayer.

Orders of the Day -- Tonya Harris, Agenda Chair, introduced Jo Ann Williams Pasadena District Lay Leader, sitting with the Bishop as co-Convenor. Tonya **moved** the Orders of the Day as they were scrolled on the video screen, and moved their acceptance. **It was supported.**

Motion to Amend Orders of the Day offered by Bill Johnson in order to ordain immediately the newly elected members to Annual Conference so they can vote for clergy delegation to General Conference. Bishop responded that the ruling of the Judicial Council is that the probationary members who were elected to full membership in the Conference during the earlier Clergy Session are not eligible to vote until after they have been ordained.

Motion to Suspend Rules was made by Richard Bentley in order to consider a substitute motion. **It was supported.**

Substitute Motion by Richard Bentley to petition the 2008 General Conference to make it possible for newly elected members to Annual Conference to vote prior to ordination. He moved to amend par. 35 of *The Book of Discipline* by striking the word "ordained" in the phrase "elected by and from the ordained ministerial members" so the paragraph will read: "The ordained ministerial delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by and from the ~~ordained~~ ministerial members in full connection with the annual conference or provisional annual conference." **It was supported.**

Instructions for Voting. The voting area is within the bar of the conference. Use only a #2 pencil. Fill in completely the circles on the ballot. Write-in names, written legibly, are permitted on any ballot, however the total number of names being voted for may not exceed the number of delegates to be elected on that ballot. Stray marks will invalidate the ballot. Ordained clergy only vote for ordained clergy (only ordained Ministerial Members in Full Connection are eligible to vote). Lay members only vote for lay members. May vote up to 5 persons on first ballot.

Ballot #1: Voting for Lay Nominees to General Conference. Bishop instructed elected Lay Members of the Annual Conference to stand to receive from the ushers the lay ballot

and a list of nominees. When the ballot is received, the lay member is seated. The voting area is the designated bar of the Conference. The list of the nominees was shown on the screen, with a voting number beside each name. Only five or fewer nominees can be voted for on a ballot. Write-in nominees are accepted. Stray marks will invalidate the ballot. With #2 pencil mark the numbers which correspond to the number beside the name of the person voted for.

Clarification: When nominations were received from the floor this morning, the first 28 names on the list are the laity who were nominated prior to Annual Conference. Those who are listed below these names are those who were nominated on the floor, and their name was submitted in writing during Plenary 2. Those names nominated on the floor, but for whom a form was not submitted, do not appear on the video screen. These nominations can still be written on the ballot.

Corrections: “Haustedt” should replace “Hanstedt”. No. 28 should be JoAnn Fukumoto.

Bishop offered prayer before the voting took place.

When ballots were completed, they were lifted up and passed to the center aisles to be collected by the tellers.

Voting for Clergy Nominees to General Conference. Ordained elders and deacons in full connection with the Annual Conference were instructed to rise. The same procedure was followed as for the lay voting.

Voting Results will be posted on the back of the Message Board between the Chapel and Fine Arts buildings following the ballot.

Courtesies. **Linita Moa** introduced Mark Nakagawa, pastor at Centenary UMC of Los Angeles, and Vice President of Board of Directors of United Methodist Credit Union, who introduced Ramon Noperi, CEO of The United Methodist Credit Union. He described the services of this exclusive financial service for United Methodist individuals and churches, which provides funding for home mortgages, car loans, church renovation, etc. A \$20 donation will be given to the Cal-Pac Annual Conference for every new member who joins the Credit Union during this Annual Conference week. The Credit Union booth is on the quad, and a temporary office is in Melrose dormitory, Room #114.

Book Signings at the Cokesbury bookstore: Dr. John Lurvey, *Still Small Voice: The Spirits Haunt Old New Orleans*, located in the Hall of Letters, to the west of the Chapel. The Bishop also recommended *A Lily among the Thorns: Imagining a New Christian Sexuality* by Miguel de la Torre.

Board Of Ordained Ministry Report. Diane Rehfield, Chair and Kathey Michelle Wilborn, Registrar introduced the large gathering of Board members on the stage. At the Service of Ordination and Service of Commissioning members will see the results of their efforts.

Introduction of Derek Nakano, new designated chair of Board of Ordained Ministry, to begin to service in July 2009.

Kathey Michelle presented the 2007 class for probationary membership and membership in full connection in the California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:

Candidates approved for Probationary Membership

Deacon Track: Jeannie Choi and Milton Pimpton.

Elder Track: Rachel Allen, Lincoln Galloway, Marcia K. Hartsock, Paula V. Hulet, Alma Johnson-Hawkins, Andrew T. Mattick, David McGlocklin, Young Chae Nah, Kirsten Sonkyo Oh, and Sheena C. Trotter-Dennis.

Candidates to be Ordained for Full Connection

Deacons: Carolyn Breihan

Elders: Brad P. Beeman, Susan Grove, Changmin Lee, Sang Yung Lee, David Palmer, Bradley P. Resare, Kalesita Tuifua, and Malyong Yi.

The bishop's asked the historic questions of those to be received into full connection, found in the *Book of Discipline*, par. 336 for full member elders and par. 330 for full member deacons.

After answering all questions affirmatively, the new ordinands received a standing ovation from the body.

Kathey Michelle introduced full clergy members who were transferred into our Annual Conference during the Clergy Session on Wednesday: Jerry Dean Campbell, Reginald Copeland, Carol Millsbaugh, Eugenio Raphael, Kang Won Lee. They were received with enthusiastic applause.

Deacons and Diaconal Ministers Rosemary Davis, Registrar. Professional Certification for GBHEM provides recognition that a layperson or clergy has fulfilled the requirements to carry out a specialized ministry. A certificate in Camp/Retreat Ministry was presented to Rev. David Camphouse.

Rosemary **moved** that Merrijoy Buist be continued on leave of absence. **It was supported.**

By August 3, 2007 John Woodall must receive applications for full membership in the Annual Conference and Derek Nakano must receive applications for probationary membership. This is a firm deadline.

Announcement. Crosses made by the late Don Locher are available at Cokesbury bookstore; funds will be donated to the Claremont School of Theology.

Strategic Initiative Q&A, Amy Aitken, member of the Leadership Team, clarified a concern raised at Plenary #2 that only one proposal was put forward this year, rather than

the three that had been requested. In fact the leadership team is presenting four separate proposals. Each may be accepted or rejected independently.

Stephanie Toon inquired whether the increase in the funds to Claremont School of Theology in the previous year was in connection to the development of leadership. Dan Gara indicated that it was not.

Clarification was asked and supplied for these proposals:

Strategic Initiative #1. Question raised why this director would be an extension of the Bishop's Extended Cabinet. Ken Ellis responded by listing the current members who comprise of the Extended Cabinet. In looking at leadership, they decided that this new position would be of valuable addition to the work of the Cabinet.

Strategic Initiative #2. Erika Gara and Mike Bankhead noted other funding venues were incorporated. This initiative would provide an endowment for youth and young adult ministries.

Strategic Initiative #3 would provide funding for, usually young pastors, to serve churches which could not otherwise afford an associate. Sandra Olewine has been working on the community development portion of this initiative.

Amy indicated the budget for each position would be assessed each year. Each ministry and office is to be decided upon year by year.

The Strategic Initiatives will be voted on at a later Plenary Session.

Western Jurisdiction Spiritual Retreat Center Dream. Bishop introduced Won Kie Kim, Western Jurisdiction Superintendent of the Korean Methodist Church. The Korean community supports the vision and wishes to donate a \$1 million. Rev. Woong-Min Kim is chair of the supporting committee to raise funds. Inspirational video was shown.

Personal privilege John Valles reported Randy Johnson had knee surgery and is doing well: 3-week recovery.

Report of Ballot #1. Due to problems balloting problems, report of the first ballot was not available. Ballot #2 could not be taken. It was **moved**, to hear the report of Ballot #1 at Plenary #4 on Friday. **It was supported.**

Personal privilege. Inman Moore expressed appreciation for the work of the Nominating Committee in finding a place to post the information of those who were nominated on the floor.

Roy Riggs asked prayer for the family of a former DS of the Desert Southwest Conference who passed away this year, a friend of many in Cal-Pac Annual Conference.

Thomas Hill III offered the closing prayer.

Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Announcement on video: Need guidance on how to be a local church historian and preserve your church's precious memories and compile a church history? A seminary for church historians is scheduled to take place in April 2008 at Claremont UMC. Contact the Conference Archivist.

Memorial Worship Service Thursday night

Prelude “Now Thank We All Our God” by J.S. Bach, arr. by Virgil Fox was played by Rev. Greg Norton, conference organist.

Call to Worship was led by Carol Paton.

Procession of Life. Congregation sang “Give Thanks for Life” by Murray/Stanford, while family members and friends of those who have passed into eternal life processed to the altar with symbols of life.

Litany of Thanksgiving was led by Rev. Lupita Alonso-Redondo.

Memorial Liturgy. Following the reading of each name, words of remembrance were spoken and a symbol of life was lifted by family members and friends in memory. Members of the congregation were invited to stand to honor those they have known and loved:

Bishops. Bishop Charles W. Jordan read names and moving biographies of United Methodist bishops throughout the world who passed into eternal life this year.

Bishops’ Spouses. Margaret Crawford Jordan read names and testimonies of the lives of the spouses of United Methodist bishops throughout the world who passed into eternal life this year.

Clergy Members. Bud Wrisley and Jan Hansen read the names and brief life testimonies of clergy members of the California-Pacific Annual Conference who have now entered fully into the presence of the Lord. Their biographies are printed in the “In Memoriam” booklet:

William Norris Barnes	Hal Bruce Dalke	Ben W. Davis
Jordan Detzer	Tevita Fineanganofa	Cecil Carl
Johnson		
Earl Kernahan	James Ledgerwood	Han Ok Lee
Robert McCullagh	Sam Paik	Fletcher H.
Scharer		
Leslie Wyman Sim	Miriam Ellen Stump	Emory Taylor
Elizabeth Vaughn		

Clergy Spouses. Bud Wrisley and Jan Hanson read the names and brief life testimonies of spouses of clergy members of the California-Pacific Annual Conference who have now entered fully into the presence of the Lord. Their biographies are printed in the “In Memoriam” booklet:

Robert Armstrong Clasper	Eleanor T. Carter	Mary Zambrano
Ruth Duncan	Delores Fink	Mary Forsyth
Margery Young Graham	Emma Lou Hershey	tj Lofton
Cuba Moore	Mary Balis Palmer	Gloria Mandac
Riingen		
Mary Jane Scott	Deloris Thigpen	

The body was invited to stand and share names of lay members of our Annual Conference, and others who have passed away this year. The body was also invited to remember those who have lost their lives this year as the result of war.

Offering was taken for the Sierra Service Project, and introduced by Paige Eaves, former Director of SSP, who introduced Janet and Floyd McKeithen, SSP founders, and other members of the SSP Board.

Offertory. “You Raise Me Up” by Graham/Lovland played by Whispering Winds Flute Ensemble of Redlands First United Methodist Church.

Old Testament Reading. Micah 6:1-8 was read by the Rev. Samuel Yun.

Introduction of the Preacher by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

Rev. Phillip Lawson is the interfaith program director for the Eastbay Housing Authority, leading interfaith housing initiatives to expand low cost housing in the Bay area of northern California. He worked with the Black Panthers in Kansas City in the 1960s while a pastor. One person whose life he influenced became a pastor and then a congressperson in Washington DC. His brother, Rev. Jim Lawson, believes that Phil is the unsung hero of the civil rights movement. (Jim had been originally scheduled to preach tonight, but was unable to some due to cancer surgery two weeks ago. Phil reports that he is getting stronger every day.)

Sermon – Rev. Phil Lawson

Micah 4:1-5 “In the days that are to come.” Rev. Lawson offered words of hope when times are hard for peacemakers, that there will be days to come when there will be those willing to give up weapons in exchange for instruments of peace and well-being. It may be possible that if we are willing to disarm ourselves that those who have suffered injustice may be willing to trust us. “Justice is finding out to whom justice belongs and returning it to them.” If there is a time to come for justice, then we must begin it now. We must give up our sense of entitlement. One reason that our cups are not overflowing is because we have them turned upside down, and sometimes we put our hands over the cups.

Communion was celebrated with joyful singing.

Benediction by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson was followed by “Suo-Gan”, a Welsh Tune, played on the bagpipes by Rev. Gary Allen Dickey.

The congregation was dismissed to District Gatherings to celebrate those newly appointed to churches in new Districts.

Friday, June 22, 2007

**Bible Study
Friday Morning**

Opening Singing with Jorge Lockward and other beautiful singers.

Opening Prayer – “A Call to Awareness” was led by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

Reading of Scripture – Jeremiah 29:4-11 by Jorge Lockward

Song “God in Your Grace”

Bible Study – Rev. Dr. Bruce Birch “Challenges to Shalom: Exile”

Summary: “Jeremiah letter to exiles serves to remind us of our exile realities while making clear that shalom must always relate to the realities of our given contexts and not what we wish those realities to be: ‘Seek the shalom of the city where you are for in its shalom you will find your shalom’. We need to find foundations for hope in the midst of exile.”

**Plenary 4
Friday Morning**

Call to Order. Bishop Swenson called the Plenary to order at 11:00 a.m.

Prayer for Peace was offered by Colleen Chun. **The Queen’s Prayer** was sung by the body.

Orders of the Day, Tonya Harris introduced Bill Rockwell, San Diego District Lay Leader, co-Convenor of this session with the Bishop. Tonya **moved** the Orders of the Day. **They were accepted.**

Ballot #1 Report. No election for either clergy or laity delegate. A majority is required for election on the first ballot, according to **Conference Rules IV. B.8** “Election of Delegates”.

Lay Ballot #1 Results. 552 ballots cast; none invalid, 277 majority votes needed to elect for this ballot. Persons elected in this ballot: None.

Clergy Ballot #1 Results. 290 total ballots cast; 2 invalid, 146 majority votes needed to elect on this ballot. Persons elected: None.

Debbie Haustedt, Conference UMW President, clarified her wish to be considered as a Jurisdictional Conference delegate only.

Ballot #2 – Bill Rockwell prayed for lay voting. Mele Maka, Lay Leader of Santa Barbara District, prayed for clergy voting. Lay Ballot #2 and Clergy Ballot #2 were received.

Visitors were reminded not to sit in the bar of the Conference. During voting process, keep aisles clear for the ushers.

Courtesies – Susan Juergensen. Celebrating the Bishop's 60th Birthday .

1) Jan Wiley, Chair of Episcopacy Committee shared more mission gifts from 18 more local churches to honor the Bishop's commitment to mission and ministry:

2) Gary Keene and Wes Davis, Bishop's, brought gifts from the entire Annual Conference by riding bikes down the Chapel aisles! Bishop Swenson will bike down the coast of Oregon in August, so 6 bike helmets were presented to give to those she meets on the way. 60 tire tubes for all the sizes of the Bishop's bike collection and tubes to share with bikers on the road! Gary reflected that the Bishop's fondness for biking reflects the liberating movement of the suffragette, Susan B. Anthony, who said, "The bicycle has done more for women's emancipation than anything else in the world!" The Bishop also rides in solidarity with immigrants relying on bikes to get to jobs. And the bicycle tire is filled, of course, with *pneumos*, the "breath of God."

Connectional Ministries Report. Video #2 featured two multi-cultural ministries:

1) Temple City UMC's, Rev. Leh-Chuo Ting shared the successful creation of a multi-cultural ministry in a community 70% Asian when last year they invited a Chinese congregation to share their facilities build relationships.

2) Sage Granada Park UMC, Rev. Phyllis Tyler. In 1968 two churches merged -- Sage UMC (Japanese) and Granada Park (English speaking). Today the church worships in Japanese, English, Vietnamese, Gujarat, Korean and Spanish. They provide the community a nursery school, a Saturday Japanese language school and offices for the Council for Pacific-Asian Studies, a microcosm of the global community. To live together in "joyful tension" makes life more interesting when there is diversity!

Board of Congregational Development (BCD) – Craig Brown presented the Conference Comprehensive Plan for Congregational Development. Every District's Planning and Strategy Committee must create a Comprehensive Plan. New church plants were listed. BCD will offer Leadership Academy with Brian McLaren on October 12-13. New church initiatives this year are:

- Compass Point UMC Paso Robles, Santa Barbara District
- Korean Mission in Kapolei, Hawaii District
- New Generation Japanese Ministry, Hawaii District
- The Neighborhood launched in downtown Long Beach
- Paramount UMC in the Long Beach District
- Eastvale UMC in Riverside District
- Grace Mountain UMC in the French Valley in the Riverside District

Craig prayed for all serving on District Planning and Strategy Committees and those in revitalizing congregations.

Caring. Rebecca Matthews, Mary Elizabeth and Alan Moore's daughter, fell from the video platform during the Memorial worship service, and went to Loma Linda Hospital. Only bruises and a cut on her head. Alan Moore, hospitalized with pneumonia, goes home today or tomorrow. The Bishop gave her one of her new birthday helmets!

Board of Trustees – Greg Batson. Report on pp. 14-15 of Preliminary Report.

1) Proposed Sale of Conference Center. Task Force, chaired by Dan Gara, studied the possibility of sale to purchase at new location. Current facility is very cramped for training events. Present 13,000 sq.ft. is valued at \$6M. Report shows list of needs and wants. Possible sites: Monrovia UMC, or at new site with First UMC in LA. Lutheran Conference Center is relocating and is interested in sharing. Developer also mentioned properties with underground parking and residences above.

Moved by Task Force and Board of Trustees to suspend Conference rules in order to consider their recommendation at this time. **It was supported.**

Greg Batson **moved** the recommendation of the Task Force and Board of Trustees to study for another year and bring back to next year's Annual Conference. **It was supported.**

Personal Privilege. Jerry Larsen, Los Altos UMC thanked the Board of Trustees for their help in resolving legal debts of \$650,000 last year. Donations from individuals, local churches and the District reduced the debt to just \$230,000. It will be gone next year!

Board of Camping, Outdoor and Retreat Ministries Report, Roy Phelps, Chairperson, and Paul Cogger, Conf. Dir. of Camp and Retreat Ministries. Hosted a special camp at Lazy W in cooperation with Lake Rockfish Camp in North Carolina for children and youth with parents deployed overseas or deceased. La Canada UMC made publicity contacts on USA Today, NBC News and 60 Minutes.

Video: "Camping Changes Lives," set at Camp Colby and narrated by youth camper Alexander Barry, lifted up the spiritual connections made at youth church camps. Video produced by La Canada UMC.

In 2007, there were 28,808 guests at camp, with an average stay of 3.3 days. "Camping changes lives" by being intentionally: 1) Christ centered: it's all about Jesus; 2) Program driven; 3) Relationship based; 4) Sensitive to ethnic needs.

Conference Budget proposed change in will cover the short term shortfall of apportionment support, while long term resources are developed.

BCORM asks three things: 1) identify a Camp and Retreat Advocate from your local congregation to inform BCORM of the local church's needs; 2) attend workshops offered for Camp and Retreat Advocates; 3) read "Camping Changes Lives" magazine and visit the website at www.CalPacCamps.org.

Closing Prayer. Patrick Allison, youth camper, prayed before adjournment and lunch.

Session adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

PLENARY 5 Friday afternoon

Global Praise. Jorge Lockward and musical friends led the congregation in pre-plenary singing.

Call to Order at 1:59 p.m. by Bishop Charles W. Jordan, substituting for Bishop Mary Ann Swenson.

Prayer for Peace offered by Fine Raiwalui who gave thanks for the colorful world and the rainbow people who have gathered today. Weave together the individual threads of our lives so that we may glorify and serve the Lord.

Introduction. Dick Englar, Lay Leader of Hawaii District is co-convener of this plenary, seated beside the Bishop.

Opening Song. “The Queen’s Prayer” by Queen Lili’uokalani was sung.

Orders of the Day – Tonya Harris **moved** the orders of the day. **They were accepted.**

Courtesies – Linita Moa taught the body a Samoan greeting and introduced two speakers.

1) Aldersgate Lodge - Patsy Barrett introduced Eva Todd Birch (played by Sandra Beckworth) who told the history of her Sunday School class of 500 boys called “Wee Boys” of First Methodist Episcopal church in downtown LA. Her 1892 mission style home was moved by mules to Pacific Palisades and later donated to the Methodist Church to become our Aldersgate Lodge Retreat Center.

2) Dan O’Neill, Managing Director of the Central Conference Pension Initiative. There are 66 Annual Conferences outside the US and 9,000 clergy tirelessly serving churches. Few will have a secure retirement, as they do not participate in the UMC Pension Plan. Five agencies are working to change this. Currently the UM Publishing House’s Cokesbury check given to Annual Conferences provides emergency support. He thanked Cal-Pac for tithing part of our Pre-82 Pension Surplus to help this fund, and supporting retirees in Sierra Leone.

Patricia Farris asked the amount of our tithe this past year, and the impact of not providing funds this year. Dan answered that the Cal-Pac tithe was \$250,000 this year, the single largest gift towards this effort!

Consent Calendar. **Karen Ristine, Legislative Section Coordinator** commended the body’s work in the legislative sections and presented the items receiving 80% Concurrence or Non-Concurrence.

Diane Rehfield, Board of Ordained Ministry **moved** to remove their item from the Consent Calendar, Rules #6 “Changes in Application Processes for Conference Membership and Orders” (p. 50). 50 votes are needed to remove items from the consent calendar. **It was supported to remove it.**

Results of Ballot #2: General Conference Delegates

Laity ballots received: 510 valid ballots; 8 invalid

Laity elected: Ken Ellis

Clergy ballots received: 290 valid ballots; 2 invalid

Clergy elected: Molly Vetter

Ballot #3. Was taken in the same manner as previous ballots. Reminder: Do not vote for persons who have already been elected! Only vote for four persons, which is the number of persons remaining to be elected. Dick Englar, Lay Leader of Hawaii District led in prayer before the laity ballot. Bishop Jordan led prayer before the clergy ballot.

Conference Secretary Business, Bob Isip shared his favorite song that reflects his job: "I Like to Move It, Move It, Move It". It was received with enthusiastic applause. He clarified that the proposal from the Trustees is to move the Conference Center and not the Annual Conference Session.

Bernard Martins, First UMC LA reminds the Conference that their church has offered their planned new building as a future site for the Conference Center, which offers diversity, businesses, close to Staples Center, shopping centers and movie theaters about to be built. It would be a good way to revitalize the ministry in this area.

New resolutions and petitions to General Conference, Nos. 12, 13 & 14 were submitted. Consideration of these will be during the portion of tomorrow's agenda called "Items not on consent calendar":

No. 12 "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity"

No. 13 "Closing the Detention Facility at Guantanamo Bay"

No. 14 "Board of Pension's Response to War Tax Levies"

Note: Petition No. 11 was approved yesterday at Plenary 3.

United Methodist Women, Debbie Haustedt, President. UMW resources women in mission and encourages churches to start UMW units. Collette Andersen, Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach, is assisted by four language coordinators (Hispanic, Korean, and Tongan) for these tasks. Debbie introduced the officers and district coordinators. Upcoming events are the Schools of Christian Mission at Chapman University in July and in Hawaii in August, District Officer Training, and the Annual Meeting in October.

United Methodist Men, Larry Dozier, Conference President. Representatives from the Scouting program, Rev. Lee from Holliston, Lew Fry, Lay Leader Ken Ellis, as well as Debbie Haustedt, a United Methodist Woman! The emphasis of UMM this year is Connectionalism, Evangelism, Missions, and Service. Larry encouraged new charters in local churches. Funds generated by chartering helps UMM fund their ministries, among which are scouting and Meals for Millions. Larry presented a UMM shirt to be given to Bishop Swenson.

Board of Pensions, Bud Wrisley recognized Vice Chair, Ken Heflin, to present a “Motion to grant the Pastor’s Service Record” (blue handout). Faith Conklin was denied an appointment her first year after ordination and placed on supernumerary status, resulting in loss of one year’s pension credit in 1971-1972. This motion will correct this injustice. **The motion was overwhelming supported.**

Marjorie Suchocki pointed out Rev. Phyllis Wayman also lost pension credit in this manner. Diane Rehfield, Chair of Board of Ordained Ministry, said this case would also be researched.

Retired and Incapacity Health Insurance. Cost increases: \$1,135,000 in 2007 and \$1,570,000 in 2008, an increase of 38%. Dramatic increase requires drastic action. Board of Pensions will set up listening sessions across the Conference to meet with those concerned, and prepare a proposal for next year’s annual Conference.

Jim Butler brought a friendly **motion**, that our Conference Rules be changed so that clergy in extension ministry are permitted to participate in the CRSP portion of the UM Pension Plan. Bud Wrisley willingly **accepted the motion** to undergo a study for those in extension ministry.

Bishop Swenson reconvened the body at 3:19 p.m. after a short break.

Board of Equitable Compensation, Karen Moore said \$600,000 in Equitable Compensation funded many pastors’ salaries in our Annual Conference this year. Slide show illustrated: 1) pastors must be paid; 2) pastor’s application for a subsidy grant cannot exceed 100 % of the annual cash salary; 3) application deadline in fall must be met. (see pp. 22-23 in the Preliminary Report for list of churches who receive this funding). Cal-Pac has the lowest minimum pay schedule in the country, matched with the Yellowstone Conference. Board recommends a 10% increase for members in full connection; and 7% increase for probationary members. Housing also will be increase, although there will still be disparity. Randy Johnson did a lot of work on this. (Randy fell and broke his knee, and unable to be here today; prayer was offered for his healing.) Clergy on the 20 year level earn \$5,000 more than those at 20 years who are receiving subsidy grants. She introduced Cindy Husky, Steve Harbison, Brenda Scott Horn, and Stan Bane who serve the Board.

Paul Kim noted that the list for the minimum salary schedule is missing the years of service for 14 and 15 years. Karen responded that it appears in the box on the next page.

Lay member from Hollywood First UMC offered a friendly **motion** that the Conference appoint a joint task force made up of the Board of Equitable Compensation, the Cabinet, and Congregational Development to create a process for the administration of Equitable Salary funds, said process to be presented at the next Annual Conference.

Karen responded that Commission on Equitable Compensation has already been elected to carry out this process. The suggestions made in the motion are already being taken care of.

Motion was not supported.

Frank Ferrel inquired whether in addition to the 10% increase the cost of living is taken into account. Karen noted that much study was done to propose the 10%. Cost of living is not included but is to be considered for later years.

In response to another question, Karen said a church could apply for Equitable Compensation funds at any time.

Connectional Ministries Video #3. Keith Hwang recognized Susan Faber for her work on the Ministry for Youth and Young Adults. Susan Faber spoke of the two conventions: "Youth Alive!" for senior high students and the Junior High Convention (renamed "Spirit Quest") for middle school students. She indicated many lay and clergy, volunteer to work with the youth. Mike Bankhead announced the theme of next year's Youth Alive, "What is This Church?", to be held February 16-18 at the Riverside Convention Center.

Spirit Quest is scheduled for April 12-13 at Camp Colby.
Susan Faber invited all to be present during Saturday's Youth Worship Service.

Video shown of Youth Alive! and Spirit Quest 2007 (117 participants), whose theme was "Jail Break".

Carla from Holman UMC expressed appreciation for the senior high event that the youth from her church attended. She suggested, however, that the choice of theme needs to be done with sensitivity to the large number of ethnic youth who are imprisoned in the California prison industry.

Nester Gerente stood to express his thanksgiving for the historic act of a young clergy being elected first to the General Conference delegation on the second ballot.

Bishop Gift pens were distributed which illustrated the Jerusalem cross theme of inward and outward spirituality.

Gaunnie Dixon asked the body to express appreciation for the young adults from St. Mark's UMC serving as Conference Ushers at this Conference.

Leadership Team: Discussion/Action on Proposals for Use of Pre-82 Funds. Amy Aiken thanked the Wesley Circles for their excellent work in submitting questions and comments. She addressed some of the concerns submitted. The proposal is the result of work by the Leadership Team for the past decade. Bishop Swenson commented the process of developing leadership is part of the vision of the conference for the future.

Amy noted that the comments from the Wesley Circles indicate a desire for various forms of leaderships, including spiritual leaders and well-equipped skilled leaders. These concerns are in line with the vision that developed the four initiatives. The Pre-82 Funds are used only for pensions, but their investment frees other funds for use in leadership development. The proposals are for the conference to consider for adoption.

The four proposals were summarize. Funding for any of the newly created positions is for the conference to accept or reject annually. Whenever a ministry is deemed ineffective, funding may be redirected elsewhere.

Initiative 3 is about future leadership incentives. There are great churches which may be teaching grounds for future clergy. This initiative will provide financial backing for these churches to train young clergy

Initiative 4 would develop coaches throughout the conference to support and develop better leaders.

Jay ____ **moved** a fifth initiative that 25% of the funds budgeted be directed in to a local church grant program. Support would be overseen and distributed by the Jubilee Grant program, to be used by 2008.

Judy Cobb, Jubilee Grants Chair, pointed out that funding disbursement had already begun; the time limit given in the motion would make it difficult to implement.

Question: Are there parameters for determining success of the initiatives. Will monitoring be worked out? Second, will there be monitoring done for each one.

Response: There would be benchmarks and evaluation done each year.

Bill Johnson expressed concern that the initiatives may not go far enough. He asked if there is a way of unhitching the leadership initiatives with the Pre-82 funds. Amy acknowledged this was a good suggestion.

Bud Wrisley responded that if someone can guarantee that the stock market will not go down in the next two or three years, then Bill's proposal may be entertained. But because the use of the Pre-82 funds are limited to the surplus of any given year. We can only use it when there is a surplus.

The Bishop suggested placing a line item in the budget for Strategic Initiatives, with separate consideration each year of how they will be funded.

The Bishop clarified the motion on the floor is to use 25% to be used by the Jubilee Grant. Call for the question was supported. **The motion was not supported.**

Phyllis Tyler moved for the Conference Center task force to develop a mission statement to guide the geographical location of the center. **It was not supported.**

Delton Johnson of St. Mark's UMC, Santa Paula noted that we need to address the growing population of specific ethnic communities. Amy indicated that that is the purpose of Initiative #4.

Tom Ziegert expressed concerns that the action goal for Initiatives #3 and #4 are clear, but they are not clear for Initiatives #1 and #2. Amy indicated the action goal of Initiative #1 is to develop the leadership center at CST so that we can be more effective in the leadership and administration of the church.

Gaius Thede comments that other conferences are doing this then maybe it will work here, asked for those results

Frank from Murrieta UMC asked if the directors created will be taking some duties of current directors or are they completely new positions. Amy indicated there is currently other funding that is part of the conference budget. The funding request is to add to the budget.

Brian of Santa Barbara District asked if the funding can be changed even if the initiatives are adopted. The answer was yes.

Nelson Castorillo asked what guarantee do these initiatives have in stopping the loss of members in the church. Amy responded that all these initiatives are to enable the conference to focus on the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Another speaker asked for empirical data from the other conferences where a leadership center has worked and where it has not worked.

JT Greenleaf **moved** that the funds of the Pre-82 Pension Funds be put in a reserve account until the Strategic Initiative for the conference is more fully developed. Bishop Swenson indicated that the urgency is not because of the funds, but the need for better leaders. Judy Cobb spoke against the motion indicating the desperate need for leadership development. **The motion was not supported.**

Amy placed before the conference a proposal for the use of future funds. It was noted that the proposal was on the consent calendar.

Action on 2008 Budget. Wayne Moore **moved** for the approval of the World Service and Conference Benevolence line item of the 2008 conference budget, located on page 58 of preliminary report.

Bob Stimmel suggested that we need to vote on the Strategic Initiatives before we vote on the budget.

Bishop ruled to **table the motion** on the budget until after voting on the Strategic Initiatives.

Amy moved the approval of the Strategic Initiatives.

Bob Stimmel **moved to amend** Initiative #4 by adding: "an open search in accordance with our personnel procedures and policies will be conducted." **Motion was supported.**

It was moved to vote on the initiatives one at a time. **It was supported.**

Initiative #1 as amended was supported.

Initiative #2 was supported.

Initiative #3 was supported.

Initiative #4 was supported.

Amy moved the proposed process to use the funds. **It was supported.**

The World Service and Conference Benevolence budget of \$5.4M was called for question.

It was commented that increases are hard on many churches. **The Benevolence budget was supported.**

Wayne **moved** to adopt the Ministerial Support Fund budget of \$3.3M.

A **motion to amend** was made to amend the Equitable Compensation line item to move it back to the 2007 level. **It was not supported.**

The Ministerial Support Fund Budget was supported.

Wayne moved to adopt the Administration budget of \$3.2M.

Rick Uhls asked for clarification for the Miscellaneous line item that has a 84% increase. Dan Gara indicated that next year General Conference costs come from the Miscellaneous line.

The Administration budget was supported.

Wayne **moved** to adopt the Benevolences budget of \$764,383. **It was supported.**

Wayne **moved** to adopt Special Causes line item of \$199,000. **It was supported.**

Rob Fuessler had a question on p. 74, line 58 of Salary Schedule for Pastor's Study. The Bishop was to appoint a task force to study the minimum salary schedule for pastors, and report to the Annual Conference in 2006. What happened?

Karen had discussed this with Gary Keene. Annual Conference sets a minimum salary schedule, so this was directed to Equitable Compensation. This is why Equitable Salary added more money to their budget to support an increase in the minimum salary schedule.

Ballot #3 Results.

Laity Results: 476 valid ballots cast. 25 ballots were invalid because five persons were voted for rather than 4;

2 ballots were poorly marked.

Laity elected: Larry Hygh was elected.

Clergy elected: Bau Dang was elected.

Ballot #4 was taken.

Bishop Swenson reminded the conference on ballot #4 to vote for only three persons since two from each category have already been elected. Dr. Chan-Hie Kim prayed for wisdom in selecting good leaders to represent the clergy delegates.

Bishop asked Greg Douglass to recognize a member of Monrovia UMC, Gloria Overdeer, who willed \$267,000, 50% of her estate, to the annual conference, which she considered her family.

Orders of Ministry. John Farley and Debbie Gara. A video was shown asking ‘What is an Order?’

John Farley noted that all of us are called to the ministry, but there are those who are called to particular tasks. Elders are called to Word, Sacrament and Order. Deacons are called to Word and Service.

Items Not on Consent Calendar

Karen Ristine presented Petitions #42 and #5 to be discussed at the floor of the AC.

Resolution #42. Margaret Young of Westlake Village stated the intent of the resolution is for Bishop Swenson to write a letter asking California Governor Schwarzenegger to reduce Brandon Hein’s sentence. **It was supported.**

Resolution #5. To Petition to General Conference for Taiwanese Self-determination. Several debates were presented. **It was supported.**

Announcements. All personal items to be removed from the sanctuary for ushers to prepare for the the retirement worship service this evening. Reminder of the clergy basketball game.

Benediction. Bishop Swenson called John _____ to give the benediction.

“A Celebration of Ministry” Friday Evening Worship

Celebrating the many faithful and fruitful years of service given by the clergy of our Annual Conference.

Prelude “Prelude and Fugue in E Minor played by Conference organist Rev. Greg Norton

Call to Celebration from Psalm 134 led by Rev. Diane Rehfield, Chair, Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 29:4-11 read by Rev. Kalesita Tu’ifua.

Offering, given to support the Philippines Mission, was introduced by Johnny Teopaco. Next mission trip to Mindanao leaves September 8 to do renovations and construction on a church and school, and to provide dialogue and learning by visiting seminaries and hospitals. A video of was shown.

Offertory sung by the Youth and Adult Choir from First Tongan UMC, Waimanalo, Hawaii.

Offering Dedication Prayer and traveling mercies prayer for the mission trip given by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson.

Words of Appreciation for the Clergy Retirees were offered by the Bishop for all the ministry settings they have served, as preachers, counselors, social workers, and peacemakers, following the leading of the Spirit of God to introduce others to God's grace and love, and to communicate God's forgiveness and salvation.

Presentation of Retiring Clergy by Diane Rehfield. Sharing of brief stories of ministry (3 minutes) was interspersed with singing "This is a Day of New Beginnings" by Wren/Young.

Retiring Clergy: L. Roby Correa, Pamela Lee Daniel, Fred LeRoy Irwin, Sheila M. Kane, Kwangjin R. Kim, Eun Chul Lee, Glenn A. Miller, Jonathan Pirir, Louis Rohrs, James Tom, and Leo L. Villalobos.

Passing the Legacy. A symbolic stole was handed by Rev. James Tom, representing the retiring clergy, to Rev. Changmin Lee, representing the class of new ordinands, as a sign of the passing on of the mantle of ministry.

Consent Calendar

For Concurrence

(Voting percentages in bold following each item):

Recommendations

Advance Specials (p. 1-3) **100%**
 CCYM #1 Endowment (distributed on floor, Wed. p.m.) **100%**
 Equitable compensation standards (p. 20-21) **100%**
 Pensions #1 Pension Rate (p. 10) **100%**
 Pensions #2 Funding Plan for Supplement One (p. 10-11) **100%**
 Pensions #3 Clergy Retirement Security Program (p. 11-12) **94.2%**
 Pensions #4 MPP and CPP (p. 12-13) **100%**
 Pensions #5 UM Personal Investment Plan (p. 13) **100%**
 Pensions #6 Rental/Housing Allowance (p. **98.5%**)
 Personnel #1 2008 Staff Wage Ranges (distributed on floor, Wed. p.m.) **100%**
 Personnel #2 2008 Staff Salary Increases (distributed on floor, Wed. p.m.) **100%**
 Rules #1 Membership of Board of Congregational Development (p. 48) **100%**
 Rules #2 Purpose of Response Task Force on Welcoming (p. 48-49) **98.3%**
 Rules #3 Children's Ministries Exemption from 1 Person/1 Position (p. 49) **93.5**
 Rules #4 Membership of the Children's Ministries Council (p. 49-50) **93.2**
 Rules #7 Rules that Apply to Ordained Ministers (p. 50-51) **100%**
 Rules #8 Housing Factor in Grade Figure Formula (p. 51) **100%**
 Rules #9 Clarification of Rules Change Process (p. 51) **100%**
 Rules #10 Minimum Equitable Compensation Schedule (p. 51-52) **96.9%**
 Rules #11 Minimum Equitable Compensation Schedule – standards (p. 52-53) **100%**

Resolutions for Consideration by the Annual ConferenceAC Res. #40 Assets and Church Property (p. 66-67) **93.2%**AC Res. #41 End Military Actions in Iraq (arrival packet) **90%**AC Res. #43 Campus Ministry Revisited (arrival packet) **98.6**AC Res. #45 Becoming an Abolitionist Conference (distributed on floor, Wed. p.m.) **94.3**Resolutions to Petition General ConferenceGC Res. #2 Opposition to the Use of Torture (p 64-65) **100%**GC Res. #3 Right to Health Care (p. 65) **95.5%**GC Res. #4 Global Living Wage (p. 65-66) **100%**GC Res. #6 Peacemaking (arrival packet) **83.3%**GC Res. #7 Consolidate Statement of Fair Process (arrival packet) **95.9%**GC Res. #8 Medical Review (arrival packet) **93.3%**GC Res. #9 Oak Tree/Turtle Bay (p. 63-4 as GC Res. #1, **revised and** distributed on floor Wed. p.m.as GC Res. #9) **95.6%**GC Res. #10 Support Nat'l Plan for Hispanic-Latino Ministry (distributed on floor, Wed. p.m.) **100%****Saturday, June 23, 2007****Bible Study
Saturday Morning****Opening Singing** began shortly before 8:30 a.m. with Jorge Lockward and a prayerful musical ensemble.**Responsive Opening Prayer** – “A Call to Awareness” was led by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson**Scripture Reading** – Ephesians 2:13-17 read by Jorge Lockward**Song** - “For Everyone Born”*And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy; compassion and peace;**Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.***Bible Study** – Rev. Dr. Bruce Birch “The Restoration of Shalom: Jesus Christ”*Summary: Jesus Christ as our peace; incarnational and cruciform, removing dividing walls of hostility, reconciling and bringing the far off near.*

Dr. Birch ended the Bible Study with Aaron’s Blessing, Numbers 6 at 9:12 am.

The Bishop thanked Bruce for his insights and teaching this Annual Conference.

Announcements

Book signings today: “Lifting Up, Living Out Justice...” at MFSA table in the quad and Cokesbury bookstore; Rick Pearson’s book celebrating 30 years of service at Project

Understanding, serving the poor in the urban setting; Dr. John Lurvey, “Still Small Voice: The Spirits Haunt Old New Orleans”; Jim Hill “To Be Made Whole”.

Plenary 6 Saturday morning

Song of Justice with Jorge Lockward - “For Everyone Born”

Call to Order. Bishop Charles Jordan called the plenary to order at 10:37 a.m. He introduced Bill and Connee Freeman, Los Angeles District Co-Lay Leaders, co-convenors of this session.

Prayer for Peace was offered by Teresa Santillana.

The Queen’s Prayer, a Prayer of Freedom written by Queen Lili’uokalani while she was in prison, to celebrate the light of life, forgiveness, wholeness and the breath of life. Sung by Rev. Piula Ala’ilima, whose granddaughter will be baptized during the worship service this evening.

Orders of the Day. **Tonya Harris** moved acceptance of the Orders of the Day. **They were accepted.**

Conference Secretary, Bob Isip introduced Dan Lewis, clergy, and Leanne Nakanishi, of Westwood UMC, who will begin their service as Conference Secretaries January 1, 2008.

Courtesies, Linita Moa. Taught the body a Filipino greeting.

1) **Claremont School of Theology**, Dr. Jerry Campbell, President reported: a) for first time in 4 years, CST ends the budget year in the black. b) largest graduating class in a decade, c) new head of admissions, d) thank you for adopting the Conference budget that will assist CST; e) CST is learning new directions to follow God’s plans for a new world. We are all a part of it.

2) **Wes Neal, President of the Joint Commission**, introduced Bishop Jaime Vasquez of the Northwest Conference of the Methodist Mexican Church. Bishop spoke of their work with missionaries, developing leadership, and celebrates our work together to build the kingdom of God on earth.

3) **Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW), Eva Thai.** There are monitors from COSROW at Annual Conference to hold the Conference accountable for equal treatment of all those at Conference. She reminded the Conference to encourage participation of women and minority groups, youth and young adults.

Volunteers in Mission Team, Catharine Phillips joyfully announced donations of 115 boxes of sewing kits for UMCOR, valued at \$26,910. Donations to “Dollars Make a Difference” for Ronald McDonald House and UMCOR were \$4,929.54. Total giving: \$31,839.54. Sewing kits valued at \$18 each. Booth closes today. Additional donations can be written to local churches, designated for UMCOR. Website www.umcor.org has instructions for mailing and shipping sewing kits to UMCOR’s Saeger Brown Depot.

She expressed appreciation to excellent helpers: Roger and Mildred Mann (St. Paul's San Bernardino UMC), Jerry and Nick Roma (Muscoy UMC), Linda Matsushita (Harris UMC), Noemi Campos (Aldersgate UMC), Janet Jackson (Bishop UMC), Francis Fukumoto (Trinity UMC), Margaret Elmgren (San Gabriel First UMC).

The Bishop reminded the body that giving to Nothing But Nets through the local church helps keep more accurate count of the total amount given.

Preston Price noted the basket in the front of the chapel contains many \$20 checks bills, freewill donations from those whose cell phones went off during plenary sessions. However, the money in the basket doesn't seem to represent the number of phones in play.

Results of Ballot #4

Lay Elected: JoAnn Yoon Fukumoto, elected with 223 votes
Clergy Elected: Grant Hagiya, elected with 99 votes

Ballot #5 was taken in the same manner as previous ballots.
Prayer before Laity Ballot was offered by Connee Freeman, Co-Lay Leader of the Los Angeles District. Prayer before Clergy Ballot was offered by Catie Coots.

Consent Calendar, Karen Ristine moved to accept the consent calendar.

JT Baker, layperson, **moved to remove Res. No. 41.** Bishop Jordan ruled by standing count vote that the **resolution was removed.**

Tom Griffith **moved to remove Res. 40** from the consent calendar. Bishop Jordan ruled there were not 50 votes in agreement. **It was not removed.**

Cabinet matters were requested to be removed from the Orders of the Day for this plenary.

Consent Calendar was supported as amended.

Conference Staff, Dan Gara and Keith Hwang. Conference staff is supported by apportionment dollars. Thanks were expressed to all churches for giving their apportionments. Keith's staff: Kris Hodson, Director of Congregation Loan; Arlene Brewster, our "permanent temp"; Carmina Savalos, assistant to Fernando Santillana; Jennifer Gutierrez, Director of Urban Ministries; Leah Switzer, Director of Media Center; Jim Conn, Director of New Ministries. Larry Hygh, Director of Communications was graduating with his doctoral degree at Pepperdine University today; and Fernando Santillana. New staff member is Thomas Hill III, Director of Connections/Justice. Dan Gara's Treasurer's staff: Joyce Zirkle, Sylvia Miller, Kevin Stern (Controller), Jan Hanson. Jan introduced Linda Beatty, and Juan Bente (Pension Coordinator). Paul Cogger, Director of Camping and Retreat Ministry, introduced Susan Bonaparte, Camp Secretary. Catharine Phillips, Carol Mayer (assistant to the director of leadership) Diane Schreiner (assistant to Congregation Loan), Absent were Francis Jones, assistant to the Director of Camping and Retreat Ministry, and Lucy Garcia, assistant to the Director of the Media Center. Cathy Wilson is secretary to the Board of Ordained Ministry, and the Orders of Ministry.

Committee on Episcopacy, Jan Wiley thanked Gary Keene and Wes Davis for doing a great job as assistants to the Bishop, and welcomed Gail Kendall as the administrative assistant to the Bishop as of fall 2006. She mentioned the development of the Annual Conference Profile for the Jurisdictional Conference during this fall and winter.

Birthday Gift Presentations to Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

Local churches can still participate in the celebration: decide on project, and pledge to complete by end of year. Send name of project to Jan Wiley at janritzwiley@aol.com.

The Bishop received two scrapbooks with lists of all birthday gift mission projects. Scrapbooks created by Jan's daughter Melissa. A separate scrapbook from Lancaster UMC illustrated their gifts. Additional gifts: Richard Bentley pledged one "get out of an Episcopal ruling gift card"; and donations from the Annual Conference will fund six scholarships. A list of 25 more local church mission birthday gifts were read.

Gaunnie Dixon announced that as the body leaves the Chapel for lunch, the ushers will distribute another Bishop birthday gift to members of the Annual Conference – Chinese fortune cookies, which contain 60 different quotations from Bishop Swenson!

Thomas Hill III expressed appreciation for serving as District Superintendent of the Pasadena District. He could not do this job without the help of his Administrative Assistant Pam Allen. He thanked the Administrative Assistants of all the Districts and requested next year to recognize District Office Administrative Assistants at the same time as recognizing the Conference staff.

Conference Lay Leader Report, Ken Ellis was elegantly attired in a tux with a kukui nut lei. He asked all local church lay leaders to stand for recognition. Lay persons of the year awards will be given at the Laity Dinner to Ellen Agee at Westwood UMC, Genaro Cordova at Claremont UMC. Awards were made at their local churches, to enthusiastic applause. He lifted up Erica House, a safe house where estranged parents can peacefully visit their children. Gulf Coast needs peace; there has been dramatic increase in deaths as doctors and nurses have not returned to New Orleans after the hurricane. Crime, domestic violence and suicide have increased. Ken shared meaningful encounters he had as part of the Katrina Work Team.

Special Presentation. Grant Hagiya presented a thank you gift of a set of luggage to Ken Ellis, who led the four weeks of Katrina Work Teams this past spring

Bishop Jordan asked the body whether to extend the time or adjourn. **Vote to adjourn.** Bishop thanked the body for having him step in as resident bishop. The body thanked Bishop Jordan for his service.

Connectional Ministries Video was moved to Plenary 7.

Benediction by Eunice Musa-Iliya at 12:06 pm.

Youth Awards and Worship Service Saturday Afternoon

Welcome by Susan Faber, Conference Youth Director. She thanked Bishop Swenson for taking the time to see the youth at Orton Center this morning.

Youth Awards. Mike Bankhead announced the \$500 awards for the Susannah Wesley scholarship. The recipients are: 1) Ken Malec, Julian Community UMC; 2) Sharon Kim, Santa Paula UMC; 3) Jackie Robertson, First UMC of Canoga Park; and 4) Rachel DeBos, Upland First UMC. The \$1,000 scholarship was given to David Wesley McFarland, First UMC of Fullerton.

2007 Youth Worker of the Year Award was awarded to Ana Hungalu, First UMC of Honolulu.

Opening Praise Time – Santa Clarita UMC Praise Band.

Call to Worship led by David McFarland, President, Conference Council on Youth Ministries.

Opening Dance – Burbank First UMC Dance Team: *Katie Call, Sarah Clack, Annie Chong, John Cutone, Sammi Johnson, Kristi Sherin, Taryn Stevenson, and Robert Well.*

The Word - John 14:27 read by Brooke Howard, Rancho Santa Margarita UMC.

Witness to the Word - Andrew Hill, Grace UMC, Los Angeles.

The disciples were afraid when Jesus told them he had to leave them. So Jesus spoke to them of peace, which was not worldly peace or momentary satisfaction. Jesus promised a new peace of his design. Jesus promised the disciples that in his absence, his peace could be experienced within the community; when they gather together he is there. Andrew experienced the support of family and friends as he was writing his sermon. We gain our peace through each other, through togetherness. He asked to stand: his family members, members of the trip to South Africa, the members of his church to stand, and all his family of United Methodists. He has a very large family!

Song “We Are the Body of Christ” Santa Clarita UMC Praise Band.

The Word - Romans 12:12-18 read by Rachel DeBos, Upland First UMC.

Witness to the Word “Peace in the Community” by Jackie Robertson

We have difficulty finding peace. Paul teaches that even when we are frustrated, it is not our role to seek vengeance. First it is necessary to calm ourselves down. When we react with irritation we veer off the path of the Holy Spirit. At first she was put off by those who look and act differently, but in one conversation she was surprised to discover a new friend. If we are faithful, kind and loving, we receive these gifts again from the Holy Spirit, and our cups will overflow with peace.

Prayers of the People offered by Dean Contreras, Westwood UMC.

Slide Presentation. Susan Faber shared the experience of 10 Conference youth and young adults in South Africa, attending the first ever Global Young People’s Gathering and legislative session.

The Word - Proverbs 17:1 read by Dominique Suddoth, St. Mark’s UMC.

Witness to the Word “Peace and Poverty” Bill Lelu, UMC of Maywood.

Bill spoke movingly of the heartbreaking poverty he witnessed when he went on the Global Youth Trip to South Africa with our Annual Conference. He saw orphans with AIDS, and kids living in garbage bins. In Africa a child under five years old dies every 30 seconds. He has heard reports of those who won the lottery and afterward their lives were miserable. He has learned that it is better to be poor and peaceful than to be rich with a life of stress.

Offering was introduced by Susan Faber. Half of the offering will go to Nothing But Nets anti-malaria campaign and half to Invisible Children, whose representative spoke to the youth this morning about events in Uganda.

Offering Song “Lean on Me” played by Santa Clarita UMC Praise Band.

The Word - Romans 12:12-18 read by Leslie Williamson, First UMC of San Diego.

Witness to the Word “My Relationship to Peace” by Noelle Nicolai, Santa Clarita UMC.

You must have peace with yourself before you have peace with others – inner peace. Peace comes by recognizing your own faults, and learning to forgive others. She quoted from St. Paul: “...insofar as it depends on you, live in peace.” Peace with God, with others and ourselves – the ultimate goal of our spiritual journey is connection.

Closing Song “Jesus is the Rock, and He Rolls My Blues Away”, Santa Clarita UMC Praise Band.

UMYF Benediction led by David McFarland, President, Conference Council on Youth Ministries.

Tongan Dance Group of St. Mark’s UMC led the congregation out of the Chapel.

Plenary 7 Saturday Afternoon

Opening Dancing by St. Mark’s Tongan Dance Choir.

Call to Order. Bishop Swenson thanked the Tongan youth as she opened the Plenary at 3:44 p.m.

Opening Prayer for Peace offered by Theresa Basile.

Queen's Prayer for Peace led by Rev. Greg Norton at the piano.

Orders of the Day – Tonya Harris, Agenda Chair. Introduce Judy Cobb, lay leader of Santa Ana District, co-convenor was introduced, seated next to the Bishop. Tonya moved the Orders of the Day. **They were supported.**

Results of Ballot #5 were read by the Bishop and displayed on the screen.

Those Elected

Laity: Dan Gara

Clergy: Mary Elizabeth Moore

Ballot #6 was taken. John Valles offered prayer prior to the Laity Ballot. Debbie Haustedt offered prayer prior to the Clergy Ballot.

Nominations Committee, Gilbert Stones reminded the body that each year, nominations for the Leadership Team are received from the floor to fill two positions, one for clergy and one for lay, in a process similar to the process of electing delegates to General and Jurisdictional conferences. Bishop Swenson clarified that any member may nominate either clergy or lay: there no division between clergy and laity in voting or in nominating. Those coming off the Leadership Team are ineligible for nomination until they have been off the Team for at least four years. The Bishop reminded those nominating to designate whether their nominee is clergy or laity. Forms were located on the microphone stands to fill in and take to a box next to the Agenda Chair by the end of this plenary.

Gilbert Stones **moved** to open nominations for conference leadership team.

Scott Mitchell asked if local pastors and probationary members are able to be elected. Bishop: Yes.

Clergy Nominees

- (1) Andrews, Scott
- (2) Bankhead, Mike
- (3) Bentley Jr., Richard R.
- (4) Bowers, Michael
- (5) Correa, Roby
- (6) Dalton, Karen
- (7) Feldmeir, Mark
- (8) Gara, Erika
- (9) Hortiales, Joel
- (10) Jacobs, Lamuel
- (11) Johnson, Bill
- (12) Mitchell, Paul
- (13) Zuill, Charlene

Lay Nominees

- (1) Barrett, Patsy
- (2) Dodge, Don
- (3) Smallwood, Michelle
- (4) Switzer, Greg
- (5) Vatikani, Po'ese

Diane Rehfield confirmed the Leadership Team members must adhere to the one person/one position rule for Conference positions. If a nominee on another board is elected, they must choose whether to serve the Leadership Team or their board.

Henry Masters withdrew his name from nomination.

Gilbert Stones moved to close nominations. **It was supported.**

Courtesies. Susan Juergensen and Linita Moa.

1) **Sue Francis, President of Methodist Hospital Foundation.** A century ago, a group of UM women had a vision to offer health care for physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. The women opened a home with five beds. The Methodist Hospital of Arcadia now serves 500,000 persons. Sue spoke of the serious challenges facing the Methodist Hospital and other hospitals due hospital closures and the growing number of uninsured patients. In response, they began a new building program which requires much support from individuals and groups. \$100,000 has been pledged by the Conference UMW to this campaign. She invited local churches to participate and invited members to visit the hospital. She closed by reading a testimony of a 36 year old who came to the emergency room with heart attack. His life was saved for his wife, his son, and his unborn daughter, who was born April 12 at Methodist Hospital.

Bishop offered her testimony for having been a patient this year at Methodist Hospital and thanked them for saving her life as well.

2) **Frank Wulf, Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry** introduced Kenneth Neat of the Black College Fund, a 2001 grad of Clapman University. He spoke of infirmities he was able to overcome through the support he received through the Black College Fund. The only special need he has is Christ. By giving our apportionments, we support the Black College Fund to help others like him

3) **Cokesbury Bookstore Manager, Peggy Hallock.** As part of Cokesbury's commitment to the UMC, every bookstore purchase goes to support various ministries of the church. Nationwide profits allow \$1 million to be donated each year to clergy pension support, \$50,000 towards administrative costs to the Central Conference, and \$750,000 to pension funds for pastors overseas who have no pension fund. This year's check to the California-Pacific Annual Conference is \$13,300.77, which Dan Gara said will be sent to the Central Conference pension fund.

Leah Switzer of the Conference Media Center introduced a special guest from England who came to wish the Bishop Happy Birthday -- John Wesley! Mr. Wesley (played by Roger Nelson) offered a few words of counsel: "Remember, unless God has raised you up for this very thing, you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils, but if God be for you, who can be against you?" His practical advice: "I never have time to be in a hurry, and I advise you to do the same." He advises clergy: "We have nothing to do but save souls, so spend and be spent in this work, save as many souls as we can, build them up in holiness. If not, they will not see the Lord." "If we see God in all things and do all for him, then all things are easy."

John Wesley presented the Bishop a DVD called "The Man From Aldersgate," a story of the life of John Wesley.

Motion. Nestor Gerente moved that "the Conference Relocation Task Force include a broader ethnic representation and include a representative from the Disability Concerns Committee". **It was supported.**

Connectional Ministries Video – "University of Hawaii Campus Ministry". Rev.

Charlene Zuill spoke of the ministry located across the street from the campus to provide

students fellowship, entertainment, community, and support. This is a very diverse community, which includes international students. Utu Langi, young adult member of First UMC Honolulu spoke about the H-5 project, "Hawaii helping the hungry have hope", which serves hot meals to the homeless regularly at the homeless shelter, and offers spiritual food -- "God loves you."

Legislative Section, Karen Ristine

5 items not on the consent calendar were considered:

Rules #6 "Change in application process for probationary membership," in Preliminary Report, p. 50

Res. 41 "end to military action in Iraq" in the arrival packet

Res. to Gen. Conf. #12 distributed on the floor yesterday

Res. to Gen. Conf. #13 distributed on the floor yesterday

Res. to Gen. Conf. #14 distributed on the floor yesterday

Karen moved Rules Rec. #6.

Diane Rehfield said this passed in legislative section, but BOOM asked for it to be removed from the consent calendar so that ordination candidates could first talk about their concerns with the Board. This rules change clarifies that the CPE needs to be completed at a certified center prior to commissioning. There is concern about money, but the BOOM has funds to help with costs.

Question: Bill Johnson asked if this conference rule is added to bring us into compliance with the *Book of Discipline*.

Diane responded that CPE is not required by the *Discipline*, but has been a requirement of our Conference. The current rules change would clarify that CPE must be taken at an accredited center.

Erika Gara **moved to amend** the motion by deleting lines 89-94.

After debate, the question was called.

Question: If the amendment passes, will this make CPE not a requirement until an action is taken next year?

Sharon Rhodes-Wickett asked if Erika was willing to **change her motion to one to refer** back to the Board. Erika agreed.

Richard Bentley asked if Erika was moving to refer the item to the Rules Committee or to the BOOM.

Bishop ruled that the motion is an amendment is to delete lines 89-94. Amendment passed.

The rules as amended **were supported.**

Karen Ristine moved Res. 41 “end to military action in Iraq”. She noted it received 90% Concurrence in the legislative section.

Prayer was requested before the vote. Bishop agreed.

The Bishop reminded the body that debate is limited to 3 minutes per person. The same person may speak again after all others have spoken once, and if there is time available.

Dean Contreras, Los Angeles District Youth member, **moved** to limit debate to two speeches in favor and two speeches in opposition. **It was supported.**

Res. 41 was supported.

Ballot #6 results

Laity

Total Number Of Valid Ballots: 433

Needed To Elect: Highest Vote

Persons Elected In This Ballot.....**Mele Maka**

Elected On Ballot Five.....**Dan Gara**

Elected On Ballot Four.....**Joann Yoon Fukumoto**

Elected On Ballot Three.....**Larry Hygh**

Elected On Ballot Two.....**Ken Ellis**

Election to General Conference delegates is completed!

Clergy

Total Number Of Valid Ballots:179 Invalid Ballots: 4 (Voting For More Than 1)

Needed To Elect: Highest Vote

Persons Elected In This Ballot.....**Patricia Ferris**

Elected On Ballot Five.....**Mary Elizabeth Moore**

Elected On Ballot Four.....**Grant Hagiya**

Elected On Ballot Three.....**Bau Dang**

Elected On Ballot Two.....**Molly Vetter**

Wayne Murray pointed out the importance of having a balanced delegation. Bishop gave permission for him to read the representation elected so far. There was at least one delegate from each district, except none from Santa Ana. There were 5 males, 5 females, no Hispanics, 5 Caucasians, 3 Asians, 1 Pacific Islander, 1 African American, no Native American.

Ballot #7 – Jurisdictional Conference delegates. Five persons will be voted for on this ballot. First clergy and first lay to be elected will be the first alternate to General Conference. The Bishop prayed prior to the balloting, which was taken as in previous ballots.

Bob Rhodes, Pasadena District Lay member, asks how the current delegation is represented by age.

The answer was not available at this time.

Karen moved Res. to Gen. Conf. #12.

Motion to table by Jim Powell. **It was not supported.**

Tom Griffith addresses the question of whether the petition is in order, as each petition must address just one issue.

Bishop clarified that this is a General Conference rule, however, our Annual Conference could accept this petition, then have the Conference Secretary divide the petition before submission.

Vote on Res. #12 was taken after two speeches for and two speeches against. **It was supported.**

Acknowledgements

Bill Woolsey has served as a Conference usher for 30 years, having never missed a session. He says that he does so because of the blessing he receives in serving the Lord with his wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ. The body showed their appreciation.

Peg Parker of Hope UMC has been coming to conference for 52 years as a lay member from her church. She is saying farewell this year, so that a new person can become part of this Conference family. She encourages others to invite new persons as well. The body showed their appreciation.

Gilbert Stones expressed appreciation for the long hours put in at Sessions by our Conference Secretary Bob Isip and the editor of UM Daily Kathleen Ross. The body showed their appreciation.

Closing Prayer by Diane Gin, Pasadena District UMW President at 5:35 p.m.

Saturday Night Worship Service “The Ordering of Ministry”

Celebrating the Call of Faithful Women & Men into the Life of Ordained Ministry

[An abbreviated summary of the worship service follows:]

Prelude “Sonata No. 4 in B-flat” Opus 65, no. 4 by Felix Mendelssohn Ty Woodward,
Organist

Entrance – Procession of Candidates, Spouses, Elders, Lay Leaders, District Superintendents and Bishops

Hymn – “Lift High the Cross”

Presentation of the Candidates

THE ORDER OF ELDER

*Elder in Full Connection; member in full connection to the Annual Conference’
ordained to a ministry of Service, Word, Sacrament and Order*

Candidates Ordained in Full Connection

Bradley Paul Beeman, Miriam Susan Grove, Changmin Lee, David Christopher Palmer

Bradley Paul Resare, Kalesita Tu'ifa, Malyong Yi

Ordained Candidates Received Into Full Connection

Sang Yung Lee

THE ORDER OF DEACON

Deacon in Full Connection; member in full connection to the Annual Conference, ordained to a ministry of Word and Service.

Candidates Ordained in Full Connection

Carolyn Ruth Breihan

Epistle Lesson – Ephesians 2:13-17 read by Rev. San Yung Lee in Korean and English
“The Lord’s Prayer”, John Breihan, soloist, & spouse of Candidate for Full Connection
Deacon

Epistle Lesson - Romans 12:1-13 read by Carolyn Breihan

Sermon – Reverend Robert Hoshibata, Bishop of Oregon Idaho Conference, The United Methodist Church

Bishop Hoshibata was ordained on this same stage in the 1970s, confirmed by a picture of his ordination class! The Bishop shared three charges with the class of ordinands: 1) “be transformed by the renewing of your minds” and do new things!; 2) use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given you “according to the grace given to you”; 3) “Let love be genuine”. And in the words of John Wesley: “Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can.”

Offering – Beneficiary: African Student Scholarship Fund

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Elizabeth Soon Choi, daughter of Esther and Joseph Choi
Salani Rhys Ala'ilima, daughter of Kimberly and Piula Ala'ilima*

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Invocation of the Holy Spirit – Conference Choir

Laying on of Hands – Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

Blessing & Sending Forth

Recessional Hymn “God of Love and God of Power” by McDonald/LeBar/Kennedy

Postlude “Toccata” from Symphony No. 5 by Charles Marie Widor, Ty Woodward,
organist

Corrections and Changes

PRELIMINARY REPORT ADDITION: To the list of Advanced Specials add to the San Diego District “Housing Ministry of La Mesa First, Don Davis, Coordinator”. Susan Farnsworth, SDD Mission Director.

Corrections to Disciplinary Questions (handout at Wednesday’s Clergy Session)

54a. Rosenbaum, Amy moved to 55a. (family leave)

- 57a. remove Mabry, Charles (listed elsewhere)
- 57c. remove Erwin, Fred L., Jr.

COPIES OF THE LAITY DINNER PRESENTATION by Cheryl Riggs were made available on the handout tent/table in the Quad, directly across from the chapel.

THANK YOU, UM DAILY STAFF! Our team of reporters, runners and assistant editors this Conference are: Editor-Kathleen Ross; Assistant Editors-Lee Carlile, Dan Lewis and Leanne Nakanishi; Reporters-Nestor Gerente, Glenn Hoskins, Elbert Kim, Bill Lazarte, Candie O'Dell, Neil Platon; and Runner-San Yung Lee.

*There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the saints.
For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it!
(2 Corinthians 9:1-2)*

Sunday, June 24, 2007

Plenary 8 Sunday morning

Opening Singing. Jorge Lockward expressed his joy to be a part of this Annual Conference. He also gave thanks to the excellent band and audio-visual team. The body expressed their appreciation with generous applause.

Call to Order at 8:30 a.m. by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson.

Connectional Ministries, Keith Hwang. Video: "Venice UMC Skate Park" Thomas Ziegert, Pastor, and "X", Youth Group Leader, were interviewed about this "ministry of encouragement" to the youth of their neighborhood. "It looks like chaos, but it is ...holy!"

Opening Prayer led by Lisa Gay Santiago in Tagalog and English. She expressed thanks to JoAnn Fukumoto for organizing the prayers for peace during Annual Conference. (JoAnn also organized the creation and display of thousands of peace cranes which decorated the Chapel stage this week, thanks to the work of many churches in the Hawaii District.) **The Queen's Prayer** was sung.

Orders of the Day, Tonya Harris introduced Wilma Ryder, Long Beach District Lay Leader, seated with the Bishop as co-Convenor. Tonya moved the Orders of the Day. **It was supported.**

Personal Privilege. John Valles shared the passing of Rev. John Yoon's mother last night. He offered prayer. Lynn Austin, Vista UMC, lifted up Martha Gordon, diaconal minister, who passed away this passed year and was not listed in the memorial booklet.

Report on Ballot #7 for Jurisdictional Conference delegation. No one received a majority or was elected.

Barbara Grace Ripple **moved that the next ballot be the last one**, and that the top five vote getters would be elected as our delegates. Julie Brewster Elkins **moved to amend that the next three would be the alternates**. This amendment was accepted by Barbara. **It was supported.**

Ballot #8 for Jurisdictional Conference delegation was taken using the same procedure as previous ballots.

Bishop clarified that five were to be voted on this ballot. She offered prayer prior to voting.

The Bishop noted that those Elders and Deacons ordained in full connection last night may vote on this ballot, in accordance to the Judicial Council rules.

Question: Rick Pearson, Ventura UMC, asked if conference rules have a procedure for more than one person tying for the first five spots. Bishop replied there would have to be a run off election in that case.

Personal Privilege: Thomas Hill asked to pray for the families whose young people were involved in a fatal traffic accident in Bishop last night. Barbara Ripple asked for prayer for the family of Jaime Vergara, Sr. who passed away this year. He was ordained and served in the Philippines in the UMC, and his two sons serve in our conference. Bishop offered appreciation for May Chun, who is no longer able to travel to Annual Conference from Hawaii.

Courtesies. Susan Juergensen and Linita Moa.

1) **Kenya Project.** Gary Ganye, co-founder, introduced, Rev. Wellington Sanga Tsuma former bishop of the western Kenya region, and recently became Conference Secretary for the Kenyan Methodist Church. Rev. Tsuma greeted us in Kenyan style. He presented the Bishop with a birthday gift. The church in Kenya is 30 years old. Many from our conference, especially members of the UMC of San Dieguito, have worked with the 20 year old Kenya Project particularly at Mwamwa Methodist Hospital, the largest medical facility in Kenya. The new African Team Ministries handicrafts sales help children afflicted with AIDS in several African countries.

2) **Candler School of Theology.** Debbie Camphouse, alumnae of Candler School of Theology brings greetings from Mary Elizabeth Moore, whose husband, Alan Moore, was released from hospital this morning. Jan Love, former Director of Women's Division, is the new dean. New ground was broken for expanded library (the largest theological library in the US), chapel and other buildings. Candler seeks social justice and embodies diversity from all cultures, ages, and theological expressions.

Personal privilege. Bao Dang has translated the New Testament into Vietnamese, printed with official government approved legal stamp, so that it cannot be confiscated. Thousands of copies were already distributed, with orders for 10,000 more.

Motion by Bob Stimmel to suspend the Conference rules to receive a report from the Conference Leadership Team. **Motion supported.**

Conference Leadership Team. Amy Aitken **moved** that the Leadership Team be exempt from the one person-one position rule.

Becky Haase, former member of Conference Leadership Team, spoke against the motion, as CLT is a heavy commitment. To give good leadership in two positions is not easy.

Liz Roarke noted that two people on the leadership team are already at-large members on other Conference committees.

Mark Ulrickson spoke in favor of the motion as the current rule limits the potential for ethnic diversity.

Judy Cobb spoke in favor. Those elected can discern for themselves whether they can handle the extra responsibility.

Roy Riggs spoke against: the rule was put in place in order to expand our leadership representation beyond the persons already in leadership.

Motion was not supported.

Nominations Committee, Gilbert Stones offered a breakdown on the diversity representation of the nominees to Leadership Council.

Question: Becky Haase asked the Bishop whether everyone can vote for everyone. She understood that the rules for electing the Leadership Team were to be the same as General and Jurisdictional conferences.

The Bishop responded that Rules Committee decided that it was the Bishop's call. Her interpretation is that "similar to", which does not mean "exactly like", therefore both clergy and laity can vote for both clergy and laity.

Afrie Joy expressed concerned about not seeing any new names among the nominees.

[The ballot was delayed until the ushers were instructed on how to conduct the vote.]

Peacemaking Birthday Gift. Greg Switzer, of Magnolia Park Cal-Pac Renewal, and Richard Bentley of the Methodist Federation for Social Action presented joint statement, which appears here in part:

"We, the Steering Committee of Cal-Pac Renewal and MFSA Leadership Team, Cal-Pac Chapter often find ourselves on opposite sides of some of the more difficult issues confronting our church. In honor of your 60th birthday, and in response to your sermon about peacemaking on Wednesday evening, we have decided to join together this conference year in ministering the love of God to some of God's children who are most in need: men, women and children stranded on the southern border of the United States. The leaders of our two organizations, working with UMC members throughout the conference, will together provide 60 Hope Packs (30 from each group) for the work of the Border Ministry of the Joint Commission of the United Methodist Church. When we deliver the Hope Packs together at the border, we also will provide together 60 hours of volunteer work in support of the Border Ministry, to help those who are there without resources or hope after having been deported from the U.S."

Nominating Committee, Gilbert Stones is happy to report fewer unfilled positions this year. The first page of the nomination report is a talent bank survey, essential for

enabling leadership diversity. The body was encouraged to fill it out and return to members of the Nominating Committee on exiting the Chapel. To correct errors, please contact the email address on the form. Persons elected to Leadership Team must choose which Conference Committee to serve. The screen showed a list of positions still to be filled.

Gilbert Stones moved the acceptance of the Nominating Committee report.

A Korean pastor from the floor noted there are 98 Korean clergy serving in the conference and 25 retired pastors, but there is no Korean on the Leadership Team. Gilbert mentioned that last year there was a Korean on Leadership Team, who has rotated off.

Nominating Committee report is supported.

Gilbert mentioned that due to 8 years service rule, the UMW Representative, Lucille Washington, is going off the Nominations Committee this year. Gilbert presented her two gifts.

Ballot #9 was taken for Conference Leadership Team. Both lay members and clergy members of Annual Conference were instructed voted for one lay nominee and one clergy nominee.

Charlene Zuill asked her name be removed from the list of clergy nominees.

Motion from the floor. Nick Gallegly & David Camphouse submitted a Resolution to Petition General Conference, “Young Adult Eligibility to Serve on Conference Council on Young Adults.”

“Whereas, the Book of Discipline currently limits the leadership of the Conference Council on young Adults due to the parenthetical (age nineteen to thirty) par. 649.2;

“Whereas, ‘young adult’ is an arbitrary term depending on national origin, conference, and local church makeup and;

“Whereas, the current wording of the *Book of Discipline* does not allow for the inclusion of all members of the young adult age grouping to participate on the Conference Council;

“Therefore Be It Resolved, that the California-Pacific Annual Conference petition the 2008 General Conference to adopt the following petition:

“Petition: Amend the Book of Discipline par. 649.2 “Membership: by deletion and addition of text, so that it reads: ‘2. Membership. The membership of the Council shall be young adults (~~age nineteen to thirty~~) (as defined by the Annual Conference).” **It was supported.**

Reconciling Ministries. Scott Imler announced that at the annual awards picnic Richard Bentley and Tom Griffith were recognized for their work.

Ballot #8 Report for Delegates to Jurisdictional Conference.Laity

Delegates: Marjorie Suchocki, Eva Thai, Norma Kehrberg, Leah Switzer, Ana-Haydee Urda

Alternates: Debbie Haustedt, Angelica Greenleaf

Clergy

Delegates: Frank Wulf, Cedrick Bridgeforth, Mark Ulrickson, Lily Villamin, Woong-Min Kim

Alternates: Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, Cynthia Abrams, Mark Feldmeir

Cabinet Matters, Grant Hagiya, Dean of the Cabinet.

1) Church Discontinuance: a) El Sinai UMC. Change in distribution of assets – 10% of total assets to go to Conference Board of Congregational Development for Latino Ministry development; b) Pacific Korean UMC. They have no property, so will discontinue as charter church and become a mission church.

2) Merger between West Valley UMC and Chatsworth UMC.

Grant indicated he hopes these actions will become a model that even with the difficulty of a discontinuance, the action leads to new life. Over a million dollars will go to the Latino ministries.

Sessions Committee, Eric Smith

John Valles announced the 2008 dates of Annual Conference as June 18-June 22 at the University of Redlands.

Low Fry is the patriarch of the Sessions Committee, having begun service some 40 years ago. He received a plaque of appreciation. Eric thanked the many other people who help Annual Conference to go smoothly and well. (List is printed below.) He encouraged the body to fill out the evaluation form.

Conference Secretary, Bob Isip requested that all information related to the Conference Journal should be sent to him in early fall.

Patsy Barrett brought a motion from the Clergymates, concerned that the Journal was not delivered until May this year because reports were not submitted in time. She **moved** the Conference Secretary set a deadline for reports and send the journal to the printers one month after the deadline to print whatever is submitted by the deadline, so that the Journal will be delivered in time to be a useful document.

The Bishop ruled to receive this not as a motion, but as a recommendation to the Conference Secretary so that our leaders in local churches can get the information they need.

Committee on the Episcopacy. Cherie Jones announced a \$3,000 scholarship will be given to the Bishop's alma mater, Millsaps College in honor of her birthday, and asked the Bishop's permission to make the donation in memory of her mother, Mary McDonald. The Bishop agreed.

Cherie announced that local church mission gifts can continue to be sent in to the Committee on the Episcopacy to honor the Bishop's birthday.

Items not on Consent Calendar, Karen Ristine

Karen **moved** Res. #13 to petition General Conference, “Closing the Detention Facility on Guantanamo Bay”.

Bishop reminded the body debate was voted to be limited to two speeches for and two against.

Speech in favor by Louis Chase

Liz Roarke moved an amendment to add to the resolution: “ask the US government 1) why the facility is being closed so quickly, and 2) where the detainees are being taken and whether they will be released.”

Richard Bolin spoke against the amendment as news of the closure was printed only yesterday.

Amendment was not supported

GC Res. #13 was supported.

Karen moved GC. Res. #14, Board of Pensions Response to War Tax Levies.

Bud Wrisley spoke to clarify the resolution.

Dick Tunan, Anaheim UMC, **moved to refer** this resolution to the Board of Pensions and the Conference legal counsel, Steve Harbison for further review.

Richard Bentley opposed referral.

Tom Griffith mentioned the resolution is in violation of par. 2506 of the *Book of Discipline*.

Motion to refer was supported.

Legislative business is concluded. Karen thanked her predecessor Molly Vetter, who prepared her for this job.

Introduction of Delegation to General and Jurisdictional Conference.

General Conference. Lay Delegates - Mele Maka, Dan Gara, JoAnn Yoon Fukumoto, Larry Hygh, Ken Ellis.

Clergy Delegates - Patricia Ferris, Mary Elizabeth Moore, Grant Hagiya, Bau Dang, Molly Vetter

Jurisdictional Conference: Lay Delegates - Marjorie Suchocki, Eva Thai, Norma Kehrberg, Leah Switzer, Ana-Haydee Urda. Lay Alternates – Jenee Elkins, Debbie Haustedt, Angelica Greenleaf. Clergy Delegates - Frank Wulf, Cedrick Bridgeforth, Mark Ulrickson, Lily Villamin, Woong-Min Kim. Clergy Alternates - Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, Cynthia Abrams, Mark Feldmeir.

These will serve on our behalf during the conferences, and also during the whole four year quadrennium.

Bishop's Prayer for the Delegation. The Congregation was asked to rise and reach out their hands toward the delegates as the Bishop prayed for them.

Jose Vindel **moved** that "whenever there is a discontinuance or abandonment of a Latino ministry church or a Spanish language ministry, the DS and District Planning and Strategy Committee shall consult with members of the church or ministry about the proposed discontinuation or abandonment, and with the Conference Director of Latino Ministry."

Erika Gara **moved to amend this as a motion to refer** to the Conference Rules Committee.

Lupita Alonso affirmed the crisis in Latino ministries. Many churches are being closed, while the Hispanic population is growing. Many are unaware of closures and could be helpful in developing alternatives.

Jim Conn **moved referral** to a task force which had prepared for the cabinet a set of criteria and protocols for closing churches in various categories. The task force would like review this motion.

Amended motion to refer to the task force was supported.

Afrie Joye **moved** that the Conference Board of Church and Society find ways to support the church in the Philippines in its strong stand against the extra-judicial killings of farmers, journalists and pastors who fight for peace and justice. International investigations have confirmed over 800 killings, two of which were UM pastors.

A representative of the Conference Board of Church and Society **moved amendment to refer** to the Board.

Motion to refer was supported.

Grant Hagiya announced an MFSA award was presented to Gayle and Irwin Trotter. Richard Bentley announced the Mildred Hutchinson Award was given to Phil Shigekuni. He also presented the Bishop an original *Book of Discipline* from 1908 with the original Social Principles, in celebration of its 100th anniversary.

Roby Corea announced today is the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Diane Johnson.

Woong-Min Kim noted that Rev. Eun Kyung Lee died last month and was not remembered at the Memorial Service.

Ballot #9 Results - Conference Leadership Team.

Lay: Michelle Smallwood. Clergy: Erika Gara.

Mission Awards Presentations. Outstanding giving churches were recognized: highest giving church was Aiea UMC at \$10,966; the highest per member mission giving church was the Native American Church of Southern California at \$730 per member.

Mission Worship Offerings at this Annual Conference totaled: \$17,052.

Conference Awards, Judy Elkins. A dramatic awards presentation featured the music of “2001: Space Odyssey”, Men in Black and a red tuxedoed Rick Uhls strutting through the gathering to produce “the envelope”. The 2007 awardees trooped onstage to thunderous applause to be greeted individually by the Bishop and Judy Elkins. A list of the awardees appears in Special Awards booklet.

Bishop Swenson called for a recess at 10:50 a.m. to transition to the Closing Worship.

Closing Worship and Commissioning Sunday morning

Celebrating the ordering of Ministry and Sending Forth into the World.

[A summary of the worship service follows:]

An Ancient Call to Worship – Psalm 100 was read, followed by the Sounding of the Shofar by Todd Ehrenborg.

Prelude “Rigaudon” by André Campra, played by Conference Organist Greg Norton

Call to Worship (adapted by permission from a prayer by Mary Bendall, M.Div. Dandler School of Theology 2000) led by Ron Fisher, Grace UMC.

The Procession: Candidates for the Order of Deacon, spouses and support persons; Candidates for the Order of Elder, spouses and support persons; Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Annual Conference; District Superintendents; Conference Secretary, Order of Elders Chair; Order of Deacons Chair; Alternate Lay Speaker; Conference Lay Leader; Lay Speaker; Bishop Mary Ann Swenson.

Liturgical Dance Youth and Young Adult Dancers from Trinity UMC of Arleta

Introduction of the Speaker David Johnson, Conference Director of Lay Speaking Ministries

Over a thousand Lay Speakers are involved in leadership in our Annual Conference. All Certified Lay Speakers were invited to submit manuscript sermon to apply, to speak at this worship service. Six finalists spoke to a selection committee and Jenette Lemotowas selected. She is a Tongan young adult, youth leader, Sunday School Director and administrator in her church, Trinity UMC of Arleta.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 2:2-5 read by Sheena Trotter-Dennis, Candidate for the Order of Elder.

Sermon “I’ve Been to the Mountain Top” by Jenette, Lemoto, Lay Speaker of Arleta
Are you holding on to God’s dream? Do you see it and believe it? We know how to be peacemakers, but have we been to the mountain top to see the vision, and do

we hold onto it? Jenette's cousin, 24 years old was shot and killed. Molé was known as a peacemaker; he died because he stepped up to stop a boy who thought he was a man when he used a gun. Molé sacrificed his life for peace. Many young people are trying to turn something bad into something meaningful and good. The peacemakers are those who, when things get tough, still believe in love, believe in peace, and still believe that Jesus will come again for us. We're not here to figure out how and when how to bring about God's ultimate dream for everlasting world peace --, that's God's job. Our job is to be willing vessels of God's peace wherever God has planted us. We are to tell the young people to hold on to God's dream, for there is nothing in this world that will last forever, but God's promise for the future is eternal. "I've been to the mountaintop and I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the Lord."

Offering – Beneficiary: Katrina Relief to Seaside Mission UMC, serving the homeless of Biloxi, Mississippi that was completely destroyed. Video introduced by Ken Ellis, Conference Lay Leader

Offertory Prayer – Milton Pimpton, Candidate for the Order of Deacon

Offertory “Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace” by Lindh sung by the Chancel Choir of Foothills UMC and The Conference Choir.

COMMISSIONING OF DEACONS

Deacon in Probationary membership: probationary member of the Annual Conference, commissioned as deacon, and in preparation for later ordination as a deacon in full connection under the provisions of The Book of Discipline.

Jeannie Choi and Milton A. Pimpton

COMMISSIONING OF ELDERS

Elder in Probationary membership: probationary member of the Annual Conference, commissioned as elder, and in preparation for later ordination as an elder in full connection under the provisions of the Book of Discipline.

Rachel Allen, Lincoln Galloway, Marcia Hartsock, Paula Hulet, Alma Johnson-Hawkins, Andy Mattick, David McGlocklin, Young Chae Nah, Kirsten Oh, Sheena Trotter-Dennis

Prayer of Commissioning led by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

Gospel Reading John 14:25-27 and John 29:21-22 read by Lincoln Galloway, Probationary Elder

Response - “Peace I Give to You” by Courtney, sung by The Chancel Choir from Foothills UMC and The Conference Choir

Message – Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

Response – “Healing Waters” by Noble, sung by Ms. Bree Noble

Sending Forth read by the Bishop, with responses with percussive instruments representing the Districts of the Annual Conference

Recessional Hymn “O God, Each Day You Bless Us” by Gillete/Smart, a hymn for the Commitment to Peacemaking

Postlude “God of Grace and God of Glory” by Paul Manz played by Greg Norton, Conference Organist

Worship Service Participants & Coordinators

Joni Messenger, Verger; Pamela Daniel and Sue Farley, Marshals; Acolytes from Foothills United Methodist Church in San Diego; Cathy Wilson, Administrative Coordinator for the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry; Gail Kendall, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop; Wes Davis, Secretary to the Bishop; Service for the Ordering of Ministry is from “Services for the Ordering of Ministry in the United Methodist Church”, 2002. Used with permission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU, SESSIONS COMMITTEE: Dave Burgess & Tellers (probationary members); Nurse, Barbara Call Day; Video – John Demaree, Judy Weave & crew; Conference Youth Programs, Demaree Deocalis; Youth Day Coordinator, Susan Faber; Conference Lay Leader, Ken Ellis; Audio, Lew Fry & crew; Registration, Jennifer Gaylord & crew; Wesley Circles, Ron Griffen & crew; RV Wagonmaster, Christopher Grove; Agenda Chair, Tanya Harris; Childcare, Glenn Hoskins (host pastor); University of Redlands Coordinator, Sonja Hyde & Peter Toopou; Bob Isip, Conference Secretary & support staff; Courtesies, Susan Juergensen and Linita Moa; Timekeeper, Lorraine Kadooka & crew; Episcopal Office staff -- Gary Keene, Gail Kendall and Wes Davis; Ushering – Josephine Liava’a, Ana Liava’a, Lee Seals & ushers; I.T. Guru, Per Martin; Space Use Coordinator, Matt McPhee; Worship, Carol Paton, Brydon Shirk & crew; Facilitator Training, Bradley Resare; Legislative Sections, Karen Ristine; UM Daily, Kathleen Ross & crew; Technical, John Thompson & crew; Booths, Bob Wicherts & crew; Chapel Stage Manager, Scott Wolverton & crew.

RESULTS OF CLERGY BASKETBALL GAME FRIDAY NIGHT. 54-52 final score. The first 60 pointed dedicated to the Bishop’s Birthday. \$1,705 (and counting) raised for the Los Altos UMC Debt Reduction. Those participating: David Camphouse, Andy Mattick, Royce Porter, Steve Poteet-Marshall, Wes Elmore, Jamie Dollins, Jonathan Chute, John Kwan, JT Greenleaf, Steve Kim, Paddy Padilla, Jeff Grant, Tim Mull, Jerry Castorillo, Jim White.

CORRECTION Clergy Session handout “The Business of the Annual Conference”, p. 17 “Candidates for Probationary & Full Membership 2007. Change Malyong Yi’s seminary from “CST”, to “Princeton Theological Seminary.”

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UM Daily Editor 2007, Rev. Kathleen S. Ross.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify and declare that the Daily Proceedings of the Twenty-Third Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, meeting in Redlands, CA June 21-24, 2007 to be the Official Record of the Annual Conference.



Mary Ann Swenson
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