To: All who access the 2015 Journal of the California-Pacific Conference

From: Rev. Karen Clark Ristine, Conference Secretary, 2017-2020

Re: Minutes of the 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference of the United Methodist Church (2015)

Many of you are aware that Conference Secretary Leanne Nakanishi died in early 2016. Her final illness, hospitalization, and death kept her from completing the 2015 Conference Journal.

On Wednesday, June 17, 2015, during the Opening Business of Plenary 1, Secretary Nakanishi had moved and the conference had approved a motion “that the proceedings published in the UM Daily be the Official Minutes of this 31st Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference after they are corrected and approved.”

The official minutes of the 2015 Annual Conference session were not completed, corrected, or approved because of Secretary Nakanishi’s death. Conference communications staff was able to recover the UM Daily proceedings in the form they were posted on the calpacumc.org website during the 2015 Annual Conference.

Presented here are the uncorrected and incomplete proceedings as recorded and published online for Thursday, June 18, 2015; Friday, June 19, 2015; and Saturday, June, 20, 2015.

For further reference, the business and worship services of the 31st Annual Sessions were recorded and videos are available at vimeo.com/calpacumc

Thank you for your understanding of these unfortunate circumstances as we continue to hold in prayer the family of Leanne Nakanishi and all of her faith family in this Annual Conference.
Prior to the opening of the 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference, the Clergy gathered for a time of covenanting, prayer, and reflection. The notes from the gathering are as follows:

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015**

**Orders Covenant Session**

Orton Center

7:00 PM

Rev. Molly Vetter welcomed the gathering and offered some announcements about Funding Resources for continuing education. Resources for ordained ministry are located at [www.calpacom.org](http://www.calpacom.org). Elder Pastors: support and encouragement (Rev. Ed Hansen), and the Clergy Convocation’s speaker, Lillian Daniel, which will be September 15 to September 17. It was announced that Bishop Minerva Carcaño was not feeling well and asked to be excused from the Orders gathering.


Rev. Molly Vetter led the gathering to enter into a time of sharing stories of healing and explained the process of the evening’s conversations. She shared the hymn, “Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit” would be used to shape the night’s proclamation as it describes Christ’s powerful life-giving and world-changing healing power—to throw out the demons that afflict us, and set us free. During the time together, the gathering heard wisdom from writers, and testimony from colleagues in the orders; then were invited to reflect and share around tables. At the end of each time of sharing, they sang one of the three verses of this hymn, as a prayer for healing.

Rev. Sandie Richards shared words from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? Rev. Cynthia Abrams reflected on silencing outside critics. The tables groups discussed: *How do Christ’s words help us silence destructive voices?*

Rev. Bob Isip shared from the writings of Rachel Held Evans. Rev. Jim Powell spoke about silencing our own fears, anxieties, distractions, and doubts. Rev. Molly Vetter read the second verse of “Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit” and invited the table groups to discuss: *What word or phrase from this verse connect with your own experience?*

Rev. Nestor Gerente read from Showings Julian of Norwich. Rev. Paul Hill spoke on healing in his body and life. The table groups discussed: *Where have you experienced healing?*
Rev. Cindy Huskey read Isaiah 35:1-10. Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth introduced the thanksgiving over the gift of oil and invited pastors forward to receive anointing of oil by District Superintendents and Elder Pastors. The Doxology played to call back together.


**Thursday, June 18, 2015**

**Plenary Session # 1 and Opening Worship**

8:30 AM

**Gathering Music:** As the Members and Guests of the 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference gathered, the Worship Band led the body in singing “I am a Friend of God,” “Open The Eyes of My Heart,” “Leaning on the Everlasting Arm,” and “Heleluyan.”

**Call to Order:** Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño called the 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference to order. She welcomed the District Superintendents, Executive Directors, the guest preacher Rev. Dr. George “Tink” Tinker, Conference Lay Leaders Phil and Connee Freeman, Conference Secretary Leanne Nakanishi, and members of the Sessions Task Force, Rev. Melinda Dodge, and Rev. Lee Carlile as the group gathered as Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Bishop Minerva Carcaño spoke about the Charleston Shootings at Emanuel AME Church and offered a prayer for the community and all involved.

**Opening Business:** Conference Secretary Leanne Nakanishi greeted the gathering and took a photograph of our group to share on social media. She clarified the eligible Lay and Clergy Members to vote were listed on Page 10 of the Resource Handout and stated all voting members must display a Name Badge to vote.

Leanne Nakanishi presented the following motions:

1. Moved to set the bar of the 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference (seating for those voting) as:
   * The Main Level Seating area of the Chapel
   * The Balcony Level Seating from the stairwell entrance forward
   * The Stage
   * The Media Room

   **The motion was voted on and supported.**

2. Moved that the Agenda in the Resource Handout will be the Official Agenda of this 31st Annual Session of California-Pacific Conference, and that the Agenda Chairperson and/or Conference Secretary be authorized to make necessary adjustments in consultation with the Bishop.

   **The motion was voted on and supported.**

3. Moved that the proceedings published in the UM Daily be the Official Minutes of this 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference after they are corrected and approved.

   **The motion was voted on and supported.**

4. Moved that the Registration Forms be used as the official roll call of this 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference.

   **The motion was voted on and supported.**

5. Moved that all Resolutions NOT adopted by the end of this 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference be referred to the appropriate entities.

   **The motion was voted on and supported.**
Lastly, per Conference Rule IV. A. 3, (Page I-8 of the 2014 Conference Rules) to reach the required number of Lay Members in equalizing membership for Lay and Clergy, as allowed under Paragraph 602.4 in the 2012 Book of Discipline, the Cabinet nominated Justin Yamaguchi, a Youth Lay Member from the West L.A. UMC. The motion was voted on and supported. Bishop Carcaño invited Justin Yamaguchi to enter the bar of the Annual Session.

Orders of the Day: Rev. Melinda Dodge was asked to present the Orders of the Day. The Orders of the Day were projected on the screen. She moved the orders of the day. The motion was voted on and supported.

Legislative Tracking Sheet Updates: Ms. Nakanishi presented updates to the Legislative Tracking Sheet located on page 22 and 23 of the Resource Handout. The first was listed Under Recommendations, Recommendation 15-3 Sales Proceeds from Camps Arroyo, Sturtevant, and Cisquito was withdrawn. The Council on Financial Resources would be working with the Camping and Retreat Ministries on this after Annual Session.

The second was adding the following 5 Resolutions:

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These would be distributed this afternoon.

The next 3 Resolutions were distributed as they entered the Plenary Session. If they did not receive one, copies were available at the Conference Secretary’s Booth located outside the chapel in the Quad area.

Announcements: Ms. Nakanishi announced the message board was in Hunsaker Center Lobby and reminded the gathering to read the Resource Handout. She shared our Director of Communications, James Kang, said there was live streaming online and your image may be broadcast online. We had permission to capture video and photography from the University of Redlands and your presence here implied your consent. Lastly, the UM Daily recapping the prior day’s events would be posted online the following morning. Most importantly, she reminded the gathering to treat the University and our gracious and hard working hosts with grace and respect as we represented our faith by example.

Courtesies: Rev. Lee Carlile invited the gathering to greet Bishop Carcaño. She then welcomed Dr. Kathy Ogren, Provost for the University of Redlands, who brought welcome from The University of Redlands as the President could not be present due to health issues. Rev. Dr. Stephen Hundley offered prayer for the school and its President.

Time of Worship: Bishop Minerva Carcaño called for worship to begin as the body joined in the singing of “All Creatures of Our God and King” by the gathering and the Call to Worship led by Suanne Ware-Diaz. We continued with singing “All Creatures of Our God and King.” Dr. Kim Marcus and his daughter offered the Native American Words of Welcome and Blessing. Rev. Dr. George Tinker asked permission to speak from Dr. Kim Marcus per Native American tradition. Prayer was shared by Bishop Minerva Carcaño. Rev. Andy Mattick explained the reasons for the need of repentance and invited the gathering to do so. Olivia Dyson and Celia Campos led the time of Silent Prayers, Petition, and Confession; which included the conch shell being blown, prayer, and singing “Heleluyan.” Barbie Oyama sang a special piece of music called “Kanaka Waiwai.”
Isaiah 35:3-7a was read by Mele Maka and “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” was sung by the congregation, followed by the gospel lesson, Mark 7:24-30 read by Lilo Vaka’uta. Suanne Ware-Diaz welcomed Rev. Dr. Tinker and he delivered the sermon, “No Apologies! Just Repent.”

(Manuscript to be provided—Brief overview provided by our UM Daily Recorders).

Shared images of “The Intruders”, an alternative vision of the Exodus Story. The video showed concern of violence being used to accomplish the agenda of leaders. We read politics, history, and the Bible altered with these ideas. Jesus’ enters someone else’s land but does so with idea of a Better than and a lesser than. Calling the culture “As a Dog” projects the greater than or lesser than. There is a problem...Getting rid of the Lesser for the needs of the greater. Taking over land with the slaughtering of lands. This is even found in the History of United Methodist Church. He is Not here to make us feel bad, we have to more than feel bad, there is a problem that has to be thought through. Penance is not repentance. Repentance comes after you feel bad it is what you do next. We realize what we have done and now what do we do. Helping the people move back to the land that was moved into in the Exodus story.

Repentance Mark 1:14-15. (Speaker Shares Jesus as the Protagonist), the time has come around again...Repent and believe the Gospel in Greek Present tense...The aspect of the action should be translated as something ongoing, not just once, but on going, “Be Repenting”. Keep on repenting, do it all the time, live that way. Faithing as well, always live faithfully in faith. Always repent and always be aware of who they are and where they live. Being aware of the history of violence and the results of the history of violence. Again, being repenting and always living a focus on true faith. What is needed is solidarity, not to feel bad, but to live repentantly. Do something good together. Greek concept of repentance is what we do after feeling bad.

The gathering sang “Praise to the Lord.” Rev. Tom Choi explained the offering was collected for the Filipino Caucus of our California-Pacific Annual Conference for efforts to help those in ministry with indigenous communities in the Philippines. Rev. Piula Ala’ilima shared of invaders in the Philippines. The “Queen’s Prayer” was shared and sung, led by Rev. Piula Ala’ilima. The gathering sang the Doxology and joined in the offertory prayer, led by Rev. Tom Choi. The gathering sang “Draw the Circle Wide” and Bishop Minerva Carcaño offered the Benediction at 10:35 am.

Wednesday, June 18, 2014
Clergy Executive Session
10:30 AM

The bar was set for floor level for Clergy Session and asked for all non-Clergy to move to alternate Sessions. Bishop Minerva Carcaño began the Executive Session of the Annual Conference by clarifying that only Clergy were allowed to be present, including Elders and Deacons in Full Connection, Provisional Members, and Local Pastors. She requested the presence of four Laity be allowed: Conference Secretary, Leanne Nakanishi; Administrator for the Board of Ordained Ministry, Cathy Wilson; Assistants to the Bishop, Gail Kendall and Martha Villalta. It was supported.

Rev. Kahu Kaleo Patterson, a Leader of the Justice and Reconciliation Center and a United Church of Christ pastor in Hawaii, was invited by The Hawaii District Superintendent, Rev. Tom Choi, but his attendance needed approval. Rev. Connie Millsap, visiting Elder of the North Texas Conference and associated with First UMC in Pasadena, asked to be present at the session. The motion was supported for the two pastors to remain.

Rev. Richard Garner, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry offered some opening remarks focusing on the discernment of call. He shared the difference between new Ordained Clergy and Retiring
Clergy. Rev. Garner shared efforts of the local church pastors and camps helping individuals discern their call into ministry. Bishop Carcaño shared thanks.

Rev. Elbert Kim, Registrar offered the report of the Board. He began by thanking Bishop Carcaño and the members and guests of the Clergy Session of the 2015 California-Pacific Annual Conference. Rev. Kim thanked the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry for their diligent and faithful work. He expressed gratitude to Cathy Wilson for giving invaluable assistance in formulating the report.

The gathering was reminded that many of the Disciplinary Questions did not require action from the body, and only those requiring a vote or special introduction were discussed. It was requested that editorial corrections not be made orally during the session, rather e-mailed to Cathy Wilson at cwilson@calpacumc.org or by leaving a message at the University of Redlands message center.

Disciplinary Questions 28 and 32, 33, and 34: Rev. Kim shared the first order of business to be the election of Provisional Members to be commissioned and members to be Ordained in Full Connection. The 2015 Candidates were presented.

For Provisional Membership and Commissioning on Elder track, the Board presented: Catherine Elizabeth Capp, Francisco Garcia-Velasquez, Lydia Zee-Myung Sohn, and Joseph Yun.

For ordination as an Elder in Full Connection, the Board presented Joshua Michael Clough, Mary Thuy-Dung Dang, Melinda Teter Dodge, Angela Galanis Price, Andrew Soon Lee, Sung Ki Lee, Matthew Miles McPhee, Samuel Sang Nam, Deborah Mikyo Oh, and Sunyoung Park.

For ordination as an Elder in Full Connection, transferring from the Order of Deacon in Full Connection, the Board presented: Darren Steven Cowdrey.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND COMMISSIONING

Rev. Sunyoung Lee, the Registrar for provisional membership, gave introductions of each of the candidates to be commissioned before votes are taken.

Rev. Kim moved Catherine Elizabeth Capp for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Francisco Garcia-Velasquez for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Lydia Zee-Myung Sohn for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Joseph Yun for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Lee prayed for the individuals and invited the clergy to welcome the newly elected provisional members.

FULL CONNECTION:

Rev. Doug Williams, the Registrar for full connection, gave an introduction of each of the candidates to be ordained before votes were taken.

Rev. Kim moved Joshua Michael Clough for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Mary Thuy-Dung Dang for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.
Rev. Kim moved Melinda Teter Dodge for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Angela Galanis Price for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Andrew Soon Lee for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Sung Ki Lee for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Matthew Miles McPhee for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Samuel Sang Nam for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Deborah Mikyo Oh for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Sunyoung Park for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Darren Steven Cowdrey for membership as an Elder in full connection, changing from the Order of Deacon in full connection. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Doug Williams offered a prayer for the newly elected full connection members and invited the gathering to receive them warmly.

Disciplinary Questions 31, 38, 39 and 41 TRANSFER ELDERS FROM OTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCES:
Rev. Wanda Gae Stefanson introduced all transferring clergy from other United Methodist Conferences: Jay Jung Sup Ahn (Rocky Mountain), Johann Osias (Manila Area), and Frank Schaefer (Eastern Pennsylvania) who transferred last year, but was not recognized. She then presented the clergy who transferred from other Methodist denominations: Joshua Siak Hu Khor (Chinese Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Malaysia). Rev. Stefanson shared that one clergy transferred out to another Annual Conference: Kirsten Kay Barré (Virginia). She presented Disciplinary Question 31 and listed ordained clergy from other Christian denomination to be received as a Provisional Member for vote: Ruben Esponda (Presbyterian Church USA). The vote was supported. Rev. Stefanson prayed for those who had transferred.

Disciplinary Questions 29 under letters (a) and (d): Rev. Kim invited the gathering to review a list of Deacons and Elders in provisional membership who are already in preparation for ordination.

Disciplinary Question 19: Rev. Jose Vindel, the Registrar for Candidacy, shared a report and offered a prayer for Certified Candidates.

Disciplinary Question 21: Rev. Jim Brookings shared the report of Local Pastors status. He moved approval of all Local Pastors listed and it was supported. Rev. Brookings offered a prayer.

Disciplinary Question 24: Rev. Kim provided information about ministers from other Annual Conferences or Methodist Denominations serving at our Annual Conference while retaining their Conference or Denominational membership.
Disciplinary Question 49: Rev. Kim shared the list the names of clergy from our Annual Conference appointed in other Annual Conferences while retaining their membership with California-Pacific Annual Conference. These items required no vote.

Disciplinary Question 25: Rev. Kim shared the list of ministers from other Christian denominations serving in our Annual Conference while retaining their Denominational Affiliation. The question was moved and was supported. Rev. Kim invited those present to stand.

Disciplinary Question 26 (b): Rev. Kim shared the list of all Affiliate Members retaining their Annual Conference membership while serving in this Annual Conference. The question was moved and was supported.

Disciplinary Question 27: Rev. Kim shared the list of all Associate Members serving in this Annual Conference. The question was moved and was supported. Those present were invited to stand to be recognized. Rev. Kim recognized Rev. Steve Hundley from the Virginia Conference who had served as our Director for Connectional Ministries for the past two years, and now relates with us as an Affiliate Member.

Disciplinary Question 18 (a): Administrative Review Committee. This item required a vote, because there were changes from the previous year and at the beginning of each quadrennial period. There are two new members to this committee. (Clergy session only ¶636) Rev. Kim moved the question and it was supported.

Disciplinary Question 18 (b): Rev. Kim shared the list of those to serve on the Committee on Investigation. This Committee was removed in 2013 based on the 2012 Book of Discipline. However in April of this year, the Judicial Council ruled it unconstitutional to eliminate this committee and ordered full restoration of this committee. The question was moved and was supported.

Disciplinary Question 42: Rev. Kim shared the list of those who were recommended for Discontinuance from Provisional Membership. Rev. Kim moved Discontinuance from Provisional Membership of Youngchae Nah due to expiration of the eight-year time limit. The motion was supported.

Rev. Kim moved Discontinuance from Provisional Membership of Milton Pimpton due to expiration of the eight-year time limit. The motion was supported.

Rev. Kim stated there was a correction to the handout. Annchue Chensaksri should be listed under Disciplinary Question 42(b) for Voluntary Discontinuance, and not 42(c). He then moved Discontinuance from Provisional Membership Annchue Chensaksri by Voluntary Discontinuance. The motion was supported.

Rev. Doug Williams offered prayers for each concerned in these votes.

Disciplinary Question 17: Rev Kim reported there were no clergy under review. Rev. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, from Conference Relations reported on Termination of Conference Relationship and Leaves.

Disciplinary Question 46: Rev. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett reported on Terminations of Conference Membership by withdrawal. There was one name listed in this section. She moved for the approval of Disciplinary Question 46 and it was supported.

Disciplinary Question 47: Rev. Rhodes-Wickett shared the listing the names of suspended clergy which did not require a vote.

Disciplinary Questions 43 & 44: Rev. Rhodes-Wickett shared the list of those who had previously been placed on location and had been granted status of Honorable Location – Retired. Those placed
Disciplinary Question 44(a): Rev. Rhodes-Wickett moved and was supported.

Disciplinary Question 45: Rev. Rhodes-Wickett shared the list of those on Honorable Location whose orders will be terminated. The Board did due diligence in an attempt to gain contact with these individuals, with no success. The names of Gerald Schuler and Lyle Anderson were removed from the list due to members of the gathering being able to provide contact information. The list as amended was moved and was supported.

Disciplinary Question 50: Rev. Rhodes-Wickett moved a list related to Voluntary, Personal, and Family Leaves. It was supported.

Disciplinary Question 52: Rev. Rhodes-Wickett moved a list related to Leaves for medical or disabling conditions. It was supported.

Rev. Rhodes-Wickett offered a prayer for Leaves, Withdrawals, and Termination of Membership.

Disciplinary Questions 53 through 56: Rev. Rhodes-Wickett shared the names of those who entered or who were entering the Retired Relationship with the Annual Conference after many years of faithful and active ministry. The following were the clergy who retired this year.

- Richard Ewing (Associate Member, Retired)
- Kent Fromer (Elder)
- Jack Belton (Retired)
- Richard Burdine (Retired)
- Owen Ray Fitzgerald (Retired)
- Albert Jansen (Retired)
- Ralph B. Johnson (Retired)
- Charles Jones (Retired)
- David Lehmberg (Retired)
- William P. Miller (Retired)
- Jose Palacios (Retired)
- Benjamin Rodriguez (Retired)
- Vernon Story (Retired)
- Wesley Yamaka (Retired)
- Don Austin (Local Pastor, Retired)
- Pita Lauti (Local Pastor, Retired)
- Glen Stover (Local Pastor, Retired)

Rev. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett shared some thoughts and offered prayers for these families.


Disciplinary Question 73: Rev. Kim shared the list of those Pastors/Deacons appointed to less than full time positions, and this required a 2/3 vote. It was moved and supported unanimously.

Rev. Garner asked for a point of personal privilege to recognize those who served the Board and had completed their work as well as the District Superintendents going back to local churches. She thanked the committee for their hard work.

Rev. Dar Ell Weist spoke from the floor to recognize those who were celebrating their 25th, 35th, 50th, and 60th (11 Elders) anniversaries in ministry.

4 churches had anniversary celebrations for over 100 years of worship:
- 160 years: First United Methodist Church Honolulu
- 140 years: Community United Methodist Church, Julian; First United Methodist Church, Lompoc; First United Methodist Church, Pasadena

The Clergy Executive Session concluded at 12:15 p.m. Bishop Carcaño thanked the Board of Ordained Ministry for the hard work put into preparing for this report.
Welcome: Mele Maka, North District Co Lay Leader, welcomed the Laity to Orientation. She introduced J. P. Harris, North District Co-Lay Leader, who led the Laity in a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing over the members of the Annual Conference as they attempted to do God’s will this week.

Conference Lay Leaders: J.P. Harris then introduced Connee and Phil Freeman, Conference Lay Leaders, who welcomed the laity and recognized first time participants in Conference. Phil recognized participants under 30. Connee then gave thanks to Mele Maka, J.P. Harris, and Doug and Judy Lewis for planning this event. Phil and Connee recognized the Laity as an important part of the church by representing those unable to be present, welcoming newcomers, and facilitating good will to those outside of the church congregation. Laity intentionally embrace relationships between Laity and Clergy. Connee recognized Conference Laity who were retiring from their positions: Carolyn Ingram, South District Lay Leader; Wilma Rider, West District Associate Lay Leader; Sione Lilo Vaka‘uta, Hawai‘i District Lay Leader. They presented each of these individuals with a plaque in recognition of outstanding service to this Cal-Pac Conference. Connee recognized the District Lay Leaders continuing in service: Ralph Hogan, East District Lay Leader; Mele Maka and J.P. Harris, North District Co Lay Leaders; Mercy Herstad and Andre Aldridge, West District Co Lay Leaders. New District Lay Leaders will be Francis Fukumoto, Hawai‘i District, Trinity UMC; Anne Solomon, East District, TwentyNine Palms UMC; and Dione Taylor, South District, FUMC San Diego. The three new Lay Leaders were presented with books titled, “I Am a Lay Leader, But What Do I Do?”

Executive Director of Connectional Ministries: J.P. Harris introduced Rev. Steve Hundley, Executive Director of Connectional Ministries. He stated that he appreciated that this Conference had a vision and expressed that his job as Chief Steward of the Annual Conference was to maintain this vision and look for ways to make it come true and provide continued support of the Laity. He promised that if he did not support us, we should communicate that to him. He wanted to connect the Laity or Local Churches with the Cal-Pac Conference as a whole. He offered himself as a guest preacher at anyone’s home church.

The Lay Persons of the Year Awards were awarded. The Lay Young Adult of the Year was Chelemar Hoskins from Victorville UMC. The Lay Woman of the Year was awarded to Donna Johnson from Los Altos UMC and Lay Man of the Year was awarded to John Camphouse from Bishop UMC.

Lay Ministry Academy: Doug and Judy Lewis, Co-Deans of Lay Ministry Academy, presented about the educational opportunity for becoming a Certified Lay Minister. Judy asked all Certified Lay Ministers to stand and be recognized. She also recognized everyone currently enrolled in programs to become Certified Lay Ministers. Judy reminded Lay Members to take photos of their Local Church facilities, add them to flash drives, and mail them in.

Director of Communications: Mele Maka introduced James Kang, Director of Communications for the Cal-Pac Conference. James explained that his role was to field journalists’ calls to talk to Bishop, put up posters to direct attendees of Conference, and maintain the Conference Website. He asked Rosie Rios and Stephanie Rice to stand to show their T-shirts with James’ face on them. On August 4, 2015 there will be a one day conference - Communications School, or c.school (see www.calpacumc.org/cschool) to teach Local Church Members about communications to be held at a location near La Mirada from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Annual Conference Logistics: Judy Lewis introduced Won Seok-Yuh who was filling in for Leanne Nakanishi, Conference Secretary. He reminded attendees of microphone etiquette during plenary sessions and referred the Laity to Page 10 of the Resource Handout to find the list of reminders. He emphasized the importance of attendance, voting, and pre-reading of materials and legislation.
Keynote Speaker: Mele Maka introduced Demetrio Beach, a Lay Person who led a Local Lay Leader retreat for the North New York Conference. He explained that the Laity had come up with something that could move ministry to the next level. Demetrio thanked everyone for his invitation and led the Laity in a moment of prayer. He then read Luke 7:11-17. Demetrio referenced a painting called “Hope.” It was our job to not give up hope. Our audacity to hope was reflected in the scripture. He explained that the woman in scripture was completely lost. Sometimes we are lost as well. We get lost in the chaos of modern life. We are almost afraid to ask God what to do now. But these are the times we were so desperate and ONLY God could help. Demetrio was a cancer patient, but cannot complain as he looked over the world. The mother in the verse was so filled with anguish that it blinded her. She could not see the blessing that was coming her way. No one could offer the woman encouraging words, but when Jesus spoke, something happened. The good news of the story is that Jesus saw the mother, not that she saw the crowds or that she saw Jesus. Remember there were some people in our lives, spectators, who did not want to see our lives change for the better. But God did it anyways. God was calling us to get up and start living and bring justice and do good. Get up because we had work to do! Get up and tell somebody. Anyone could be waiting to hear about Jesus. We still have work to do. HOPE = JESUS. He asked the Laity to stand, because they had been called by God to be hope to a dying world. Demetrio invited the Laity to stand and hold hands for the benediction. He led the laity in singing the doxology, “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” and then sent the Laity off with a blessing.

Thursday, June 18, 2015
Plenary Session 2
2:00 PM

Gathering Music: The House Band led the group in “We Are Called” as they gathered.

Call to Order: Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño called Plenary Session # 2 to order at 2:02 p.m.

Orders of the Day: Rev. Melinda Dodge moved the Orders of the Day and it was supported.


Prayers: University of Redlands’ staff spoke of concerns about fires around the Redlands area and the University’s efforts to provide hospitality to those with evacuation needs. Rev. Jan Wiley shared in prayer concerns regarding those impacted by the fires in the area.

Episcopal Address: Bishop Carcaño’s manuscript will be made available in the weeks to come and here are some notes from our UM Daily Recorders:

Bishop Carcaño reflected on the theme of “Judgment, Justice, Joy” as she shared her experience visiting the site of the Sand Creek Massacre. She continued to focus on the restoration of relationship with the Native American communities. Bishop Carcaño prayed for the freeing of our souls and hearts in the question of justice, healing, and reconciliation. The conversation transitioned from the Native American community to the care we do in our own church communities.

Bishop Carcaño shared her concern of not living into our Conference Vision Statement. Bishop Carcaño acknowledged each Church had a Vision statement and might be worried the Conference statement would superecede the Vision Statement of the Local Church. The Conference Vision Statement was what we would do as a Conference, and while each Church would continue with its personal vision, but must not forget to Inspire the world as passionate followers of Jesus, so all can experience God’s life giving love. A request was made by Bishop Carcaño to evaluate our
ministries through both the Church’s Vision Statement and the Conference Vision Statement. Bishop Carcaño shared how Local Churches in San Bernardino were dealing with a town in bankruptcy and the growing needs of homelessness and poverty. She thanked the Churches in this area of being faithful caregivers and assured them of the Conference care for their efforts. Bishop Carcaño shared her faith that God’s gift of life is for all, even in areas of such need.

She shared that prayer was in action in a larger scale through our efforts with “Imagine No Malaria.” Bishop Carcaño shared praises for churches that had been able to stretched in the larger missions of the Conference. She lifted up Los Angeles Korean UMC’s efforts in Imagine No Malaria. Bishop Carcaño shared the voice of this participation ignited their Church’s spirit.

Through the Board of Ordained Ministry and the new Young Clergy Initiative, Bishop Carcaño shared there was a focus on building young clergy and developing clergy who were fearless in their service.

Preparation was taking place for the 2016 General Conference in Portland, Oregon. Bishop Carcaño prayed the collection of people participating in the General Conference would discern the will of God. She prayed for all gathered as a Conference to be in connection with not only our spiritual responsibilities, but with our fiscal responsibilities as well.

Laity Address: Phil and Connee Freeman, Conference Co-Lay Leaders, shared in their address to the Laity. They stated the Laity was blessed to be able to work with the Bishop, particularly Bishop Carcaño’s soliciting input from our Local Churches in the creation of our Conference Vision Statement. Phil and Connee felt blessed to be able to work with the Local Laity and the Local Lay Leaders and lifted up the Local Church’s work and support in times of pastoral transition.

The Lay Leaders from each District were introduced. They thanked everyone who has helped them on their journey and they are truly grateful. The Freeman’s introduced the Lay Persons of the year, Chelemar Hoskins from San Bernardino, Donna Johnson from Los Altos UMC, Long Beach, and John Camphouse from Bishop UMC. Our Lay Persons of the Year were recognized later that night at the Laity Dinner. The Freemans shared our leadership consisted of people who led by love and not force, faithful and caring leaders to whom the Bishop and our Conference could depend. They asked James Kang to produce a video to display these needs of the Laity. James Kang had been asked to create a bi-monthly newsletter that would enable Lay Leaders to communicate and share information. The Co-Lay Leaders had traveled to many churches to interact with them and see their Lay Leadership needs. Phil and Connee prayed for God’s guidance for our Laity to not only serve their church, but to reach out of their churches to assist their communities. Bishop Carcaño requested that all Church Lay Leaders stand to be recognized.

Strategic Communications Vision: Director of Communications, James Kang presented a Communications Strategic Plan. His report was below:

In thinking about how to best share our 2015 Communications Strategic Plan, I thought it might be best to start with a story… followed by three points… and a time of giving our tithes and offerings.

Story
Not too long ago, a 3rd grade teacher in Denver, CO was having trouble imagining her students’ daily lives. So, Kyle Schwartz came up with a lesson plan called, “I Wish My Teacher Knew.” The plan asked asked students to anonymously write down on post it notes the things that they wish their teacher knew. When she received these notes, she posted them on Twitter with the hashtag #iwishmyteacherknew and here is what the world saw:

Now, this story is not just about the technology Ms. Schwartz used in being a good teacher. What we as a church must claim is that, through spiritual eyes, we can see that these notes represent the prayers of these children. So, then, let us consider for a moment, “How would we as a Church participate in God’s response to prayers such as these?”

**Point #1 = Projects**

Well, the possibilities are seemingly endless. Think about what we would be able to do…

If Cal-Pac Communications were to develop an Online Academy where any one of us could learn through short videos and worksheets on a website about any number of topics including church growth, lay leadership, and how to build school supply kits…

If Cal-Pac Communications were to teach church staff persons on how to design contemporary looking flyers and use social media to invite neighborhoods surrounding local churches through an in-person training conference such as the upcoming communications school (c.school) on August 4, 2015 in La Mirada, CA for which you can register online at calpacumc.org/cschool or with these wonderful people to the left and right of me.

If Cal-Pac Communications were to create a print magazine, a short video series, and a podcast on living a life of meaning that does not have such a “churchy” feel so that the so-called “none’s and others could reflect on their lives including on the sacred work of teaching and raising the next generation of humanity…

**Point #2 = Structure**

These and other such projects that are an integral part of the Communications Strategy for the next several years would become possible only as we expand our communications capacity. Thus, the plan for Cal-Pac Communications is to develop the ability to, in a timely manner, produce media, design graphic materials, run social media, create websites, research the demographics and psychographics of our neighborhoods, and develop communications leaders for the church and beyond.

Some of this planned capacity-building requires additional Cal-Pac Communications staff. But, the true way of capacity-building is to harness the power of almost 360 local churches and almost 80,000 members through coordination and collaboration in our communications efforts.

**Point #3 = Communications Commission**

A good example of this type of capacity-building through coordination and collaboration is that of the gathering of a Communications Commission made up of those throughout our local churches who have backgrounds in the entertainment, design, non-profit, art, film, and other such industries.

The responsibility of such a Communications Commission would be to analyze data, consider next practices in communications, and develop directives by which we might communicate as a church with each other and with those beyond our four walls.

Notice how Ms. Kyle Schwartz did not take a year, and spend $100,000, to study her students and develop a strategic plan for approval by a larger body. By the time she would have completed such a study, it would have been too late to help her students. Instead, she acted on a moment of need and inspiration to create a more efficacious teaching environment. This quality of agility and adaptability in a rapidly, and ever-changing world is what this Communications Commission would nurture in our Conference by providing the church with insight from outside of the church world.

**Finally = Budget**

Now, as the offering ushers come forward, I would like to mention the 2016 Communications budget asking of $216,445. That is the amount that we need to collect from you all today.

Just kidding.
The amount already included as a line-item in the proposed 2016 Conference Budget. It is inclusive of all operating expenses and would enable the work of both the Commission and Office of Communications.

While at times I am laughed at by my communications colleagues from non-church organizations when I mention my budget, I am confident that this starting amount would set us on the right path for progress in key areas of ministry.

In summary, what it would mean to pass this recommendation for a Communications Commission and the proposed budget already included in the 2016 Conference Budget would be to affirm the value of communications, not as a helpful tool in addition to ministry, but as an integral part of the ministry itself. Take communications out of Jesus of Nazareth’s ministry, and what’s left? Only some miracles here and there. No more sermons. No more catchy phrases on morality. No more paradoxical story lessons. All of which are integral to our spiritual lives of Christian discipleship today.

What it would mean to pass this recommendation is that we as a Conference are willing and able to become digital field preachers and cyber band leaders, if that is what it takes, to inspire the world as passionate followers of Jesus Christ so all may experience God’s life-giving love. And so Bishop Carcaño, I respectfully present to you the Communications Strategic Plan for 2015.

Rev. Tonya Harris presented Recommendation 15-9: Strategic Communications Plan. Discussion took place and the motion to accept Recommendation 15-9 was supported.

Congregational Loan Task Force: Dan Griffin shared the Council of Financial Resources vision. The report was below:

Last year, when Bishop Carcaño was sharing the Episcopal address, she highlighted the good work of the Strategic Financial Task Force and that it was time to determine how best to direct the work of the Congregational Loan office so that we tap its full potential for supporting the mission and ministry of our local churches.

The task force was assembled and chaired by Bishop Carcaño and Archana Carey, the Conference Treasurer was the Convener of the Task Force.

The task force met 4 times from September through March. In addition, Bishop Carcaño met with the Congregational Loan Committee to thank the committee for their stewardship and share the new direction.

Members of the task force were
- Chuck Tokuhama, Chair, Congregational Loan Committee
- Lynn Matthews, Member, Congregational Loan Committee
- Dan Griffin, President, Council on Financial Resources
- Beverly Davis, Council on Financial Resources
- Rev. Joy Price, Chair, New Ministries EMT
- Rev. Martha Wingfield, Local Church
- Rev. Eugene Han, Local Church
- Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño
- Rev. John Farley, District Superintendent
- Archana Carey, Conference Treasurer and Convener of the Task Force
- Kris Hodson, Director, Congregational Loan Program
- Rev. Steve Hundley, Executive Director of Connectional Ministries
- Rev. Greg Batson, President of the Cal-Pac Foundation

Many many thanks – to the Task Force members who faithfully participated with numerous hours on your behalf.
I want to mention two more items:

- The 2012 Annual Conference adopted the Essential Ministry Team Structure. The document directed specific Standing Committees of the Council on Financial Resources. The Congregational Loan program is one of those committees.

- The Council on Financial Resources received and approved at its meeting on March 21 the information that Archana will now share with you.

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Archana Carey presented on the Congregational Loan Committee and shared the decisions the Committee has worked through and made. Archana Carey made a motion to accept the recommendations made by the Committee.

Question from the floor: Conference debt to the Conference Loan Fund was questioned, and asked if there was a conflict of interest to pass presented motion based on debt. Bishop Carcano shared this information would be for greater oversight.

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Recommendation 15-17 was voted on and supported.

** Rules and Structure Task Force **: Rev. Karen Ristine and Rev. Lui Tran presented on behalf of the Rules and Structure Task Force. They introduced the other members of the Task Force. Revs. Ristine and Tran had 30 proposed amendments to the Rules, some to be grouped together and others to be considered individually.

The first proposed grouping was the Name Changes to committees: 1. Systems Assessment Committee becomes Rules Committee, 2. Council on Financial Resources becomes the Council on Finance and Administration, 3. Leadership EMT becomes Leadership and Discipleship EMT, 4. Appointive Cabinet becomes Cabinet, and 5. Mission Cabinet becomes Mission Steering Group. It was moved and supported.

The second proposed rule change was the elimination of the Resources EMT. It was moved and supported.

Rules 15-15: Rev. Ristine moved proposed Rules Change 15-15 (on pages 196-197) establishing the Connectional Table (replacing the Navigation EMT). Discussion happened from the floor. After clarification, the vote was taken and the motion was supported.

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Questions from floor: What was the rationale of Rules Change 15-15
Section 7- Unconstitutional elements and conflict within offices. Is this change to correct Constitutional issues- correct separation of power?
1 Answer- yes, this would be to balance different functions of the groups and the group’s responsibilities.
2 Confirmed the correction of balance of power.
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4 Question: Concern of the development of the EMT process. Concerned that we are dismantling the
5 conference structure that we adopted so recently. Answer: This was more clearly setting the
6 responsibilities of each group.
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8 Question: Please address the changes that were happening when we were moving from Navigation
9 EMT to the Connectional Table. The Connectional Table will be much more driven by clergy and staff
10 and have fewer laity members. Answer: It is the attempt to have more representation of the Annual
11 Conference.
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13 Recommendation Rules 15-15 was moved, voted on, and supported.
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15 Rev. Ristine moved the language that established Home Missioners and Lay Members of the Annual
16 Conference and that added the Executive Director of Connectional Ministries to the list of positions
17 without limits on service on Conference Organizations, found within Proposed Rules Change 15-16.
18 The motion was supported.
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20 Rev. Ristine moved, within Proposed Rules Change 15-16: the language that affirms the Administrative Review
21 Committee as accountable to the Annual Conference and expands the language of the Rules to
22 capture all of the constitutional and disciplinary requirements. The motion was supported.
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24 Rev. Ristine moved, within Proposed Rules Change 15-16: the language that establishes that Cross-
25 Cultural Bridge Builders Standing Committee as a standing committee of the Conference Commission
26 on Religion and Race. The motion was supported.
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28 Rev Ristine moved, within Proposed Rules Change 15-16, the language that places the disciplinary
29 requirements of church and society with the Justice and Compassion EMT, the disciplinary
30 requirements of a board of discipleship with the Leadership and Discipleship EMT, and the disciplinary
31 functions of the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns with the Interfaith
32 Ecumenical Committee as part of the Connectional Table. The motion was supported.
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34 Rev. Ristine moved, within Proposed Rules Change 15-16, the language that removes the Director of
35 New Ministries from the Cabinet and the language that defines the role of the Mission Steering Group in
36 relation to the Cabinet. Discussion took place from the floor. The motion was supported.
37
38 Rev. Ristine moved, with Proposed Rules Change 15-16, the language that makes the description of
39 the Commission on Equitable Compensation and its accountability to the Annual Conference more
40 consistent with the 2012 Book of Discipline. Make accountable to Annual Conference. Move to Rule VIII.F
41
42 Move the language to be more connected to the 2012 Book of Discipline
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44 Question: Not clear on what is being proposed - it did not connect to The Book of Discipline.
45 Answer: attempt more detailed language for the role.
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47 Rev. Steve Hundley: A way to make CEC accountable to the Annual Conference and to show it has a disciplinary relationship with CF and A.
48
49 Further conversation on Committee’s relationships.
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51 Bishop Carcaño asked to pull this section out to have further conversation.
52 Motion was moved and supported to table this discussion.
Rev. Ristine moved, within Proposed Rules Change 15-16, the language outlining the statement of purpose and goals of the New Ministries EMT and removing the language that the team is responsible for hiring and supervising New Ministries staff. Discussion took place from the floor. The motion was supported.

Rev. Ristine moved, within Proposed Rules Change 15-16, the language that create a category within the rules for bodies mandated by the Book of Discipline and keep a separate category for Judicial Bodies, including the Committee on Investigations. Structure, (?) All previously mentioned bodies be made accountable to the Annual Conference. The motion was supported. Judicial Bodies to rule IX

Rev. Ristine moved, within Proposed Rules Change 15-16: the addition of the disciplinary language on the mission of the church that states: “The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs [The Book of Discipline para 120] and “The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God’s grace and by exemplifying Jesus’ command to love God and neighbor, thus seeing the fulfillment of God’s reign and realm in the world. The fulfillment of God’s reign and realm in the world is the vision Scripture holds before us. [The Book of Discipline para 121]. The motion was supported.

**Essential Ministry Teams Composite Report:** Rev. Steven Hundley presented on behalf of the Navigation Essential Ministry Team. He gave a word of thanks to Rev. David McGlocklin and all those who worked on their behalf. Connectional Ministries reflected on the numbers of people whose lives were transformed in different ways through Connectional Ministries. The numbers that were inspiring the world as passionate followers of Jesus Christ, so that all may experience God’s life giving love. (Written report to be provided later)

**Camping and Retreat Ministries Council:** Rev. Riley McRae presented for the Camping and Retreat Council. Being with camping had been a source of pride and joy. He gave thanks to the Commission and Staff people who worked hard for Camping in the Cal Pac Conference. Rev. McRae shared the strategic plan to have fewer, larger, and better retreat centers. In 2015, Camping made a profit.


**Navigation Essential Ministry Team:** Rev. David McGlocklin gave the following report:

- Good Afternoon Bishop, and members of Annual Conference, my name is Rev. David McGlocklin, Pastor at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church of San Bernardino.
- 4 years ago I was space use coordinator for annual conference. Let me tell you it’s a ton of work to schedule all the spaces around conference. When I received a call from Nominations asking me if I wanted to be on this new committee called the Navigation EMT, that would meet a couple times a year, I thought, a few meetings a year or space use coordinator… Great, I’ll be on the new committee… Little did I know…
- I would like to thank the Annual Conference for the privilege of serving you the last 4 years on the Navigation Essential Ministries team.
- I would like to thank Navigation Essential Ministries Team for entrusting me with this leadership role over the last 2 years. I would like to thank Bishop Carcaño, Director of Connectional Ministries Rev. Steve Hundley and the rest of the staff of the Annual Conference who worked with me in that role.
- But now that the Navigation Essential Ministries Team will be winding down its work of the last 4 years, I thought I might take a few moments to give a final report on the hard work that was
accomplished by some incredible people who helped us Navigate some choppy waters as an annual
conference and thank those who have given so much time and effort to this work.

· This experimental model of leadership in the EMT structure that we have been living under, was first
  birthed in 2009 by the efforts of many people who spent countless hours dreaming up new ways
  leading, that would force us out of some of the silo’s that had developed over the life of this annual
  conference and move toward a vision.

· In 2011 the annual conference voted in this new model of 5 Essential Ministries Team and we began
  an adventure of trying to figure out how to live into this new way of leadership.

· Having been elected to that initial Navigation EMT and then quickly elected as vice-chair, I have to
  say that it was an incredible time of trying to realign the conference’s work into these new teams. As
  you might expect those first few meetings were filled with lots of excitement about this new model.

· Right away though, before we could get to visioning, we were faced by a major crisis at the October
  2011 Conference Table meeting where our new treasurer, Archana Carey reported that due to both the
  recession and some long standing budget concerns, we had reached the limit of internal borrowing
  from our Congregational Loan Fund to provide the capital required to enable smooth operation of our
  Conference staff, our offices and our ministries. Our apportionment giving dropped to 79% in 2011.

· Bishop Swenson called together a Task Force on Fiscal Vitality that brought together all the
  conference leaders.

· We thank God for our Bishops and all those Essential Ministry Team leaders, Staff and Cabinet
  members who joined together and had to make some tough recommendations of hiring freezes, budget
  cuts, audits and other financial actions that were considered, debated and brought to the Bishop,
  Cabinet, executive leaders and Navigation EMT for implemented. These first steps were taken to
  rectify our financial situation and set the stage for the recommendations brought by Bishop Carcaño
  and the General Council on Finance and Administration last year.

· In the first 2 years of this model, we were without a Director of Connectional Ministry and so the
  Navigation EMT in connection with the Episcopal office helped develop the Senior Staff Relations
  Committee so that each of the EMT’s would have input on Staffing Decisions and that has led to Staff-
  Relations Committee which was adopted last year which combined the functions of the conference staff
  policy committee and the SSRC into what I believe is a much more cohesive way of working with staff
  of the conference.

· At the same time, our Mission/Vision Discernment Team began to work on identifying core values of
  our conference and how they guide and inspire us. This work was also part of the preparation needed
  as we looked forward to the appointment of a new Bishop in the Fall of 2012 and the discernment
  process that would occur at that time.

· We thank God for all who worked on this comprehensive effort. It was a process of identifying and
  measuring the important markers in the life of our Annual Conference and our local congregations by
  gathering information about our many and powerful Justice and Compassion ministries and required a
  great deal of prayer and working together.

· With the arrival of Bishop Carcaño, and the hiring of Steve Hundley as Executive Dir. of Connectional
  Ministries, the Nav EMT worked with the Episcopacy committee to welcome and introduce our Annual
  conference to the new Bishop and our new Bishop to the Annual Conference.

· The 3 internal sub teams of the Navigation Team of Mission Vision Discernment, Articulation and
  Assessment were hard at work preparing for the visioning process that would occur last year.

· All three teams worked very hard together with Bishop Carcano and Steve Hundley in planning for a
  series of meetings and gathering across the Annual Conference starting with the 2013 Annual-
  Conference that included prayers and visions at the Annual Conference itself, meetings across the
  districts and on-line input regarding the vision of the Annual Conference. This all came to a focus on
  Epiphany Sunday, January 2014.

· The topics covered included fundamental questions of our faith, feedback from all our leaders of our
  various groups and organizations, and bringing together all the stakeholders in our ministry together.

· This was followed by nine district gatherings to further refine and discern the vision God was giving to
  us.
I know that I was profoundly thankful for the 15,000+ responses that were collected, compiled and analyzed in more than a dozen languages and at all age levels in the church to help in the writing and adopting of our vision statement adopted last June:

- Inspiring the world
- as passionate followers of Jesus Christ
- so all may experience God’s life-giving love.

Then that data was assembled and sent back to you, church by church so that you might get a glimpse of how the people in your local church might understand and relate to both the Mission of the United Methodist Church as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World and our vision statement of Inspiring the world as passionate followers of Jesus Christ so all may experience God’s life-giving love.

After 4 years of very hard work by some incredibly devoted and gifted people who have volunteered 100’s and a few more than a 1,000 hours of time in partnership with all the Staff, the 4 other EMT’s and our Bishops, I believe this annual conference is in a healthier place financially, with a full slate of talented staff and a God inspired vision, whose principles will guide us into the future as we continue our work as the Body of Christ, present on the earth in our time and in this place for the Glory of God.

Finally, I think it would be appropriate for the body to thank those people who have tirelessly to this work. If you were part of the Leadership Team that dreamed up this experiment, would you please stand.

- If you have served as a member of the Navigation EMT or any of its sub teams would you please rise...
- If you have been a part of any of the EMT’s as elected officers, volunteer or Staff, would you please rise.
- Thank you for your partnership and all the hard work.

Imagine No Malaria: Rev. Kathy Cooper-Ledesma shared updates on the Imagine No Malaria campaign and the different ways we had raised nearly $800,000 for the need of fighting Malaria through the world. We had until April 2016 to raise our goal of $3 million. A special presentation was made to Bishop Carcaño by Rev. Craig Brown.

Rev. Jessica Strysko shared the strategy of First Church San Diego used in meeting this need. Her report is shared below:

Thank you Bishop for the opportunity to share with you today, and thank you members of the Annual Conference. It is such a joy to be able to share the amazing work that God has done through ordinary people like us over the past year. To respond to the call to do all that we can to save lives from this preventable and treatable disease, our church encouraged people not just to give the money themselves, but rather to go out into their communities, their networks of friends and family and co-workers, and to creatively raise money in the community, inviting others who perhaps would not attend a church service to offer tangible support of our neighbors throughout the world. We knew this would need to be a group effort – and even then, we knew only God could accomplish the task. But believing that God had called, and that God had given us the vision to embrace this goal, we also believed that God would help us reach it.

Here are some of the ways that people stepped up to do their part in faith:

- Many people made commitments to raise $1,000 each over 12 months. We continually encouraged our church that if enough people would make this commitment, we would reach our goal.
- One elementary school girl encouraged her girl scout troop to hold a bake sale in support of Imagine No Malaria.
- A high school youth set up a booth in a community fair and raised $1,000 in one day, and then encouraged others that if he could do it, they could do it too!
One family took on the challenge to raise money together, and found an organization that would pay them to collect gently used shoes. They set up large donation bins at church, school, and work, and the shoes came pouring in.

One woman got all her coworkers so excited about the new baked goods she would bring in every week over several months that she raised more than $3,000.

Many people sent letters of appeal to family and friends, and shared story after story about the generosity of their loved ones.

People got very creative to raise money for Imagine No Malaria! One woman made and sold t-shirts with the church’s picture on the back. One person had a plant sale, and another had a Ping-Pong tournament!

One worshiping community decided to raise money by “up-cycling” – using old items to make something new. For example, old T-shirts were turned into jewelry and shopping bags. Old fabric was made into fall decorations.

One young adult couple had a BBQ by renting out the common space of their apartment building to raise awareness and money.

Our Youth ministry held a silent auction to support their programs, and generously donated 10% to Imagine No Malaria.

Our Children’s ministry made beautiful art for the silent auction, and all of the proceeds went to Imagine No Malaria. Not to mention the children’s tireless efforts collecting money in coin jars…our children and youth truly led the way for us in this effort, and we are so grateful for their leadership and example!

It is on behalf of many other people that we stand before you today. We offer praise to God for moving in our midst – to raise money, yes, but more importantly, to save more than 20,000 lives. Bishop, it is with great joy that we offer this check for $200,000 for Imagine No Malaria.

A check in the amount of $200,000 was presented to Bishop Carcaño for Imagine No Malaria, with the promise of a second check because the congregation raised more money after the check was printed. The congregation raised a total of $205,533.92.

Honoring our Retiring Clergy: Bishop Carcaño invited the gathering to celebrate three retiring pastors with their video presentations: Rev. Richard Bolin, Rev Faith Conklin, and Rev Miguel Deguzman.

His report is below:

Hello Brothers and Sisters --
I am Dan Griffin the President, Council on Financial Resources along with Archana Carey, Conference Treasurer. Additionally, several members from the CFR are behind me on the stage (and as an aside) we met yesterday and together we are dedicated to the good discipleship work of the Cal Pac Conference.

Our Mission
To make disciples of Jesus Crist
For the transformation of the world by exercising prudent stewardship.

The Conference Council on Financial Resources (CFR) is responsible to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the Cal-Pac Conference.

We continue to affirm the Value Goals from the Strategic Financial Task Force that met over a year ago - which are

Move the California-Pacific Conference from Deficit to Abundance
Restore Fiscal Confidence and Transparency
Increase Apportionment and Direct Billing Pay-Out
We continue to make changes to the accounting system to reflect the varied programs of the Conference. This finalization of the process has allowed for distribution of monthly financial reports, reconciling the financial reports and the issuance of management reports. We wish to express appreciation to many individuals in their respective EMT’s or departments for reviewing the monthly income and expense reports and making appropriate modifications for accuracy. The reporting mechanism has allowed for better control of spending, and for the third year in a row total spending did not exceed the revenue of the Annual Conference. Most programs ended in the black or broke even. This is a significant accomplishment! Also, we did not borrow internally or externally to pay Conference expenses. You may remember from the last two years that we were reviewing our designated fund balances and thus the unspent funds are available.

Our Audit Committee met with Stanislawski & Harrison our auditing firm in April and accepted their report. Yesterday, the Council on Financial Resources has formally received the December 31, 2014 audit. What I want to say is that the audit validated the financial transactions of our conference and that the auditors looked under many stones to verify that the information presented to them and thus you is accurate. The audit will be available on the Conference website – hopefully next week.

The Resource Summit in March 2015 prepared for the framework of the budget we are bringing forward to the 2015 Annual Conference. The meeting was the culmination of several pre meetings of the EMT’s who met between December through March where they discussed, debated and reflected on how to provide services and then reached a balanced budget with the funds that are provided through our budget process.

Apportionment giving for year ending December 31, 2014 is $10,512.202 which is an increase of $712,976. The Council on Financial Resources celebrates the giving from all of our churches. Thank you again for your gifts. The Council of Financial Resources recognizes the extraordinary giving by our brothers and sisters in the Hawaii District. As a district their percentage giving is 100.4% A cause for celebration and joy.

We have approximately 360 churches in our Cal Pac Conference and 200 churches remitted 100% of their Connectional Giving. Many Thanks!

Additionally, your gifts empowered our Conference to remit 89% of apportionment to the General church and 84% to the Western Jurisdiction.

CFR wants to mention that a plentiful number of churches have a special place in their heart for the fine work of the Africa University. Our conference celebrates 100% apportionment giving of the Africa University.

CFR’s Basic Principals is to
- Strive to maintain a balanced budget in ALL categories
- Continue to strengthen our Stewardship
- Continue to foster a culture of financial transparency

**2016 Proposed Budget:**

Now let’s directly talk about the 2016 Budget.
The Council on Financial Resources is recommending to the Annual Conference that the apportionment ask in 2016 remain at the same amount as 2014 and 2015. This amount is $12.8 million. We are mindful that a few churches have been discontinued over the last few years and the apportionment giving has been maintained by a smaller amount of churches.

The Council on Financial Resources and the Treasurers has heard your concern that it has been difficult to understand the Annual Conference Budget. As a refresher, the conference operates with an annual operating budget of approximately $30 million of which $12.8 million is received from apportionment giving. The remaining income and offsetting expenses are realized by the Camping ministry, billings for pension, health insurance, property and liability insurance, etc.
Your Conference Treasurer, Archana Carey has given us a gift of transparency for a second year by providing a written narrative that can be located in your Preliminary Report starting on Page 37 and extending to page 55.

- Apportionment Giving helps ministry work of Jesus Christ at:
  1. Cal Pac Annual Conference
  2. Western Jurisdiction
  3. General Church through seven funds

The proposed budget request of $12,819,105 will be distributed to further the ministry work as listed here:

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The slide that will be projected talks about three highlights in this budget and there are more highlights. What I suggest – is that you look at the written documentation we have provided in the preliminary report and you will see significant undertakings by our EMT’s. Also, when you return to your church or office --- look at the Cal Pac website and if you look backwards and forward regarding activities you will see an abundance of happenings that have or will occur for our ministry.

Here are three major highlights in this proposal.

- Communications Plan - budgetary impact $110,000
- The Hispanic –Latino Ministry increase in budget request from 50,000 in the current year to
  $130,000
- Retiree Health Premium and incapacity health benefits - a total increase of approximately $290K
  in 2016

Let me share a little more background regarding our finances. The Council on Financial Resources recognizes that that our finances are very complicated and that although we are presenting a budget for 2016 – there are historical financial implications from past years coupled with current and future obligations.

The budget we are presenting today has it genesis to the Essential Ministry Team reorganization plan that was adopted by the 2012 Annual Conference. Financially speaking the plan moved cost centers and staff responsibilities. While that was occurring the Cal-Pac Leadership became analytically aware that our expenses were exceeding our income and some past financial practices were changed and in discussions with two financial task forces, the Senior Staff Relations Committee, the Navigation EMT and the Resource EMT budgets were put into place and staff was authorized and in some cases leadership staff hiring was staggered. Thus, we were able to spend less that the authorized budget and we were aware that actual spending within several EMT’s would increase incrementally since the hiring and program costs were staggered. CFR did not make these decisions by itself but with unbelievable dedication by what I would call leaders of our Annual Conference. Much of that work is now being realized in many more robust programs and services for our ministry.

The other significant item is that the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits committee has wrestled with and thus CFR are the changes in the marketplace costs of providing services. I cannot say enough about the thoughtful work of the Pension’s Board and how they coming forward with a plan for the future – which of course has financial considerations.

On behalf of the Council on Financial Resources we want to thank you for the ministry you provide in your churches, your EMT’s the Cal-Pac paid staff. I would be remiss if I did not thank the Finance & Facilities office for their involvement in the fiscal accountability of the California Pacific Annual Conference.

Now, I would like to ask our extremely dedicated Conference Executive Director of Finance & Facilities and our Treasurer Archana Carey to lead us through the details of the proposed apportionment budget for 2015.
Mission Statement and council goals shared. Shared agenda in which committee followed. Shared highlights of 2014/2015 Spending control and monthly reports. 3 year in a row did not exceed expenses over revenue. Did not borrow internally or externally to cover conference expenses. Continue working on and keeping up to date internal audits. Shared apportionments, number of churches that have give 100%, Cal Pac pain 89% of our general conference apportionment. 84% to Western Jurisdiction. Shared Principles. of Council

Apportionments givings request will remain the same. Shared breakdown of spending. Celebrated the transparent work being done. Three major highlights shared: communications, hispanic ministries, Retiree Health Premium.

Archana Carey Exec. Director of Finance and Facilities/ Treasurer shared the details of the 2016 Budget. Slide were used to display spending.

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us: Bishop Carcaño shared a reminder of this evening’s Memorial Service. A video was created by California Hawaii Association of Retired Ministers and Spouses. Bishop Carcaño shared a prayer for the families of those who passed this past year.

Plenary Session # 2 adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Thursday, June 18, 2015
A Service of Remembrance, Resurrection, and Holy Communion
7:30 PM

As the worshiping community gathered, “Draw the Circle Wide” was played. The Paschal Candle was lit. Carolyn Ingram led the body in the Call to Worship and the body sang “For All the Saints”. A litany for remembering baptism was led by Mercy Herstad.

Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth presided over the pouring out of the water as stones were placed in the water in memory of those honored for their living and beyond their death. Each stone is marked with the Mobius symbol representing the unending and unbroken circle of God’s love. The gathering responded by singing “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

Bishops Carcaño and Jordan led the gathering in a time of remembrance and memorial, accompanied by a Native American flute. The gathering remembered Bishop Charles Hancock, Bishop Rueben Job, Bishop Martin McLee, and Bishop Hermann Sticher.

Margaret Crawford Jordan led the gathering in remembering the life companions of our Bishops, who this year have finished their labor: Mrs. Twila Bryan, Mrs. Benja Lee Crutchfield, and Mrs. Janet Ott.

Rev. Ken McMillan assisted the gathering in remembering the ordained ministers, who this year finished their labors: Don Austin, Jack Belton, Richard Burdine, Richard Ewing, Owen Ray Fitzgerald, Kent Fromer, Albert Jansen, Ralph B. Johnson, Charles Jones, Pita Lauti, Rene Ledesma, David Lehmberg, William Miller, Jose Palacios, Benjamin Rodriguez, Vernon Story, Glen Stover, and Wesley Yamaka.

Jan Hanson led the group in remembering the life companions of ordained ministers, who this year have finished their labors: Lois Cummings-Cole, Barbara Dallas, Eleanor Edwards, Lois Farley, Virginia Flores, Seda Fujishiro, Viola Fuller, Christina Han, Susanna Kendall, Marie Losh, Helen Olivas, Carol Pendell, Eleanor Ragsdale Norton, Betty Skidmore, Takaua Tupou, Lovce Williams, and Mary Jean Word.
Lay Leaders invited those gathered to remember Lay Members of the Annual Conference, church members, and all those named in their hearts by sharing their names aloud.

Bishop Carcaño led the group in a memorial prayer and the gathering sang “Hymn of Promise.”

Charity-Jean Conklin read Revelation 21: 1-5. Rev. Faith Conklin delivered her sermon, “Obituaries and Maternity Clothes” (transcript to be supplied). The gathering responded to the word by singing “Praise to the Lord”.

Alexa Macias-Hernandez shared “Your Grace Still Amazes Me” as the offering was collected for “Encounter with Christ in Latin America and the Caribbean,” a ministry supported by the General Board of Global Ministries, the Evangelical Methodist Churches of Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas. The gathering sang the doxology and offered a prayer of dedication. The gathering then participated in Holy Communion with baptism renewal. The closing hymn “How Firm a Foundation” was sung.

Bishop Minerva Carcaño offered the benediction and the gathering responded with “Will the Circle be Unbroken.”

UM DAILY CORRECTIONS. Please e-mail additions or corrections to the UM Daily to umdaily@gmail.com by July 15, 2015.
Rev. Dr. Tinker began by thanking Bishop Carcaño and the congregation for being so welcoming. He opened his sermon with an Indian Prayer with a drum and singing. The first song was an ancient song aimed at greeting the morning sun. The second song called on the ancestral spirits to help the congregation. After the songs, Rev. Dr. Tinker moved into discussion about the hurdles and difficulties with which Indians struggle. He finds that he still unintentionally repeats portions on the dominant narrative that unintentionally restricts the story and he must walk it back. Rev. Dr. Tinker spoke of the Charleston, South Carolina shooting. The shooter in Charleston, felt his privilege in whiteness was being eroded away by people of color, particularly South Carolina African-Americans. Marginalized peoples were not as shocked by the shooting as white people, because they had been forced to endure tragedy at the hands of white people time after time. A book on display at Iliff School of Theology was made from the tanned skin of Indians and was displayed for 80 years under a glass case. This book was held as a treasure, but it was also an image of an atrocious act against Indians. It was a gift from a Methodist clergy to Iliff in 1893. The Iliff administration claimed to know nothing about it. Jameson Jones, President of Iliff, returned the cover of the Bible made out of skin to Indians with the promise to not make public declarations about the situation. Rev. Dr. Tinker was disturbed that Iliff Seminary would ever consider the book a treasure, even when the school was predominately white. Now, one-third of the faculty was non-white. Our national history had examples of leaders who perpetrated atrocities against Indians. Presidents George Washington and Andrew Jackson were examples of this. After political leaders and their armies left, a second wave of invaders came, the Christian missionaries. Missionaries in California came with the army. Father Junipero Serra commanded the army. The Pope wanted to admit Fr. Serra into sainthood against the wishes of Indians, who had a
deep hatred towards him. The narrative must be changed and it was the personal work of David Scott, a Jamaican scholar who teaches at Columbia. In “Conscripts of Modernity,” Scott argued that the whole narrative of the Christian west was one deeply steeped in that 19th century European tradition of Romanticism. Scott said we needed to begin writing, speaking, and thinking of history as tragedy rather than romance. The whole colonial enterprise was one laced with tragedy from beginning to end. Until people saw this, the narrative could not be changed. Rev. Dr. Tinker ended with Indian Prayer.

Bishop Carcaño moved the gathering to a moment of silence and we took a few minutes break.

Call to Order (9:44 am): Bishop Carcaño requested everyone take their seats and encouraged participants to continue conversations outside the bar of the session. She then called the Session to order. Bishop Carcaño extended a welcome to those seated with her: Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan, Bishop in Residence at Claremont School of Theology; Donna Johnson, Los Altos UMC and Lay Woman of the Year; and Leanne Nakanishi, Conference Secretary. Bishop Carcaño then asked Rev. Melinda Dodge to present the Orders of the Day agenda.

Orders of the Day: Rev. Melinda Dodge thanked those in attendance and presented the Orders of the Day agenda. The motion was moved and supported.

Bishop Carcaño asked to move agenda items held over from yesterday to be included in today’s meeting. Rev. Dodge reminded the conference that we were running behind and should move efficiently and quickly this morning.

Announcements: Leanne Nakanishi greeted the Conference and made announcements. Leanne reminded the Session to keep doors closed because of Barton Flat fires. There were 10,000 acres burning. It was currently at 5% containment. There were no injuries so far. She then recognized Rev. Rachel Tabutol and Rev. Stephen Wilson Co-Editors and all the UM Daily Recorders for working so diligently on the UM Daily until 3:30 a.m. this morning. The UM Daily # 1 was posted online.

Connectional Moments (9:52 am): Rev. Lee Carlile welcomed the Western Jurisdiction Mission Advocates, Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena. Miguel greeted the Conference and thanked Bishop Carcaño and the Conference for supporting misssional ministries. Cal-Pac was the conference most involved in the mission of the Western Conference. He explained the many ways the Mission Advocates helped move Global Missions forward.

Rev. Lee Carlile recognized several guests who serve on the General Church Staff (9:56 am).

Rev. Cynthia Abrams, Director of Health and Wholeness and Special Advisor to the General Secretary, for the General Board of Church and Society; Rev. Dr. Judy Y. Chung, Associate General Secretary, Missionary Services, General Board of Global Ministries; Peter B. Hang, Benefits Educator, General Board of Pension and Health Benefits; Rev. L. Steve Horswill-Johnston, Executive Director, Communications, General Board of Discipleship; Rev. Craig Miller, Director Congregational Development, Leadership Ministries, General Board of Discipleship; and Rev. Myron Wingfield, Associate General Secretary, Division of Ordained Ministry, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Bishop Carcaño recognized others in connections that were away in representation at other meetings.

Rev. Carlile introduced Rev. Brian Diggs, Director of the UMCOR West Office and Depot to discuss UMCOR’s 75th Birthday. Rev. Diggs reminded the Conference that the General Conference would be hosted by the Western Jurisdiction. In 1940, during WWII, UMCOR was formed and provided 75 years of awesomeness. UMCOR West was located in Salt Lake City. Rev. Diggs shared the quote “preach the gospel at all times and when all else fails, use words.” Rev. Diggs thanked Cal Pac for its vision in ministry.
Bishop Carcaño thanked and welcomed Rev. David Farley to speak with and present to UMCOR. Rev. Farley, Director of Justice and Compassion Ministries, thanked UMCOR for their partnership and for allowing the Conference to be present with those in need and suffering. He asked people to stand if they had volunteered for the disaster response team going to the Philippines as well as the members of the Filipino Caucus and Advocacy teams to stand. UMCOR responded to the unaccompanied children endeavor at Camp Colby next week, “no estan solos” we are here for you. UMCOR gave a grant of $325,000 to our Cal-Pac Conference for unaccompanied children programs. Bishop Carcaño led the gathering in singing “Happy Birthday” to UMCOR and Rev. Diggs was presented with a birthday cake.

**Imagine No Malaria (10:06 am):** A video from Hope UMC’s efforts towards Imagine No Malaria was shown. Hope UMC hosted a fun run, in which they ran laps around the church. Ten dollars saved one life and $1,500 was raised.

**Board of Ordained Ministry (10:08 am):** Rev. Richard Garner, greeted those on stage and gave thanks for the work of the Board. Rev. Garner reported there were 4 persons being commissioned as Provisional Elders and 17 Retiring Clergy. Rev. Garner said the disparity was concerning. He encouraged the Conference to nurture the call to ministry. Rev. Elbert Kim, the Board of Ordained Ministry Registrar introduced each of the candidates to be commissioned. For Provisional Membership and Commissioning on Elder track, the Board presented: Catherine Elizabeth Capp, Francisco Garcia-Velasquez, Lydia Zee-Myung Sohn, and Joseph Yun. Rev. Kim, the Board of Ordained Ministry Registrar introduced for ordination as an Elder in Full Connection, Joshua Michael Clough, Mary Thuy-Dung Dang, Melinda Teter Dodge, Angela Galanis Price, Andrew Soon Lee, Sung Ki Lee, Matthew Miles McPhee, Samuel Sang Nam, Deborah Mikyo Oh, and Sunyoung Park. For Ordination as an Elder in Full Connection transferring from Deacon in Full Connection, the Board presented Darren Cowdrey. Bishop Carcaño asked the Wesley Historical Questions to those coming into full connection.

Rev. Elbert Kim invited forward those joining from other Annual Conferences and denominations and introduced: Jay Jung Sup Ahn (Rocky Mountain), Johann Osias (Manila Area), and Frank Schaefer (Eastern Pennsylvania) who transferred last year, but was not recognized. He then presented the Clergy who transferred from other Methodist denominations: Joshua Siak Hu Khor (Chinese Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Malaysia). One Clergy transferred out to another Annual Conference: Kirsten Kay Barré (Virginia). She presented Disciplinary Question 31 and listed Ordained Clergy from other Christian denomination to be received as a Provisional Member for vote: Ruben Esponda (Presbyterian Church USA). Rev. Kim recognized Rev. Steve Hundley from the Virginia Conference who had served as our Director for Connectional Ministries for the past two years, and now related with us as an Affiliate Member.

**Legislation Orientation (10:23 am):** Legislation Orientation was presented by Rev. Bob Rhodes. Rev. Rhodes reminded the Conference attendees the Legislative Section number was located on the bottom left hand corner of the nametag. Rev. Rhodes reviewed where all the Legislative Sections were located. He also referred the members to the Resource Handout to find the location for each Legislative Section.

Rev. Rhodes explained the difference between the Petitions and the Resolutions. The approval of a General Conference Resolution did not mean we were making a statement. It meant the Conference was recommending General Conference evaluate that legislation. It was like seconding a motion. It gave weight to the General Conference petitions.

**Honoring Our Retiring Clergy (10:26 am):** Bishop Carcaño called for the videos Honoring Our Retiring Clergy: Rev. John Greene and Rev. Susan Gregg-Schroeder.

**Closing Prayer (10:36 am):** Bishop Carcaño asked Bishop Jordan to pray. Bishop Carcaño closed the session by inviting the members go to their Legislative Sections.
Rev. Greg Norton led the gathering in singing “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.”

**Call to Order (2:03 pm):** Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño called the 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference to order.

**Orders of the Day (2:04 pm):** Rev. Melinda Dodge was invited by Bishop Carcaño to present the Orders of the Day. The motion was voted on and supported.

**Courtesies (2:04 pm):** Rev. Lee Carlile introduced Rev. Israel I. Alvaran from the Western Regional Reconciling Ministries Network. Rev. Alvaran shared greetings from his Annual Conference. He came out as an openly gay Clergy and was appointed to the Reconciling Ministries Network. There were 18 new representative churches. Rev. Alvaran spoke on the reconciling church and offered a stole of Surfboards to Bishop Carcaño. They were selling stoles to help in the efforts of building a church in Hawaii. Rev. Carlile announced the Robertson Prayer Room was open. It was located on the balcony level of the Chapel on the East side.

Rev. Carlile introduced the President of the Claremont School of Theology, Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, who reported there was good news from the Claremont School of Theology. The United Methodist attendance went up 32% this past year. The enrollment of the new class of 2015-2016 included 25 United Methodist students. Dr. Kuan reported that Claremont School of Theology still had scholarships and encouraged enrollment. Also, a new Hybrid online program was available with a Spiritual Renewal and Strategic Leadership Programs. The new program was created and partially funded by this Annual Conference to raise up young clergy. The program was called the Young Clergy Initiative. Dr. Kuan said the young people were not the future of the church, they were the present of the church. Rev. Allison Mark was asked to introduce the five young leaders/urban ministry interns and their mentors. Dr. Kuan ended by saying his hope was these young people will be in seminary or at least strong lay leaders in their churches. Bishop Carcaño shared Dr. Kuan was elected as a Delegate to General Conference.

Samantha Vogt, President of Conference Council of Youth Ministries, and Erin Foellmi, Manager of Young People’s Ministry came forward to present the Susannah Wesley Scholarship Award. They shared about the scholarship. Justin Yamaguchi of West Los Angeles UMC was announced as the recipient of this scholarship. He was greeted by Bishop Carcaño. Bishop Carcaño also welcomed Chelemar Hoskins, Victorville UMC who was the Young Adult of the Year for this Plenary. Bishop Carcaño invited both to sit with her during this plenary session.

**Orders of Ministry (2:16 pm):** Revs. Molly Vetter (Order of Elders) and Greg Norton (Order of Deacons) reported on behalf of the Orders of Ministry. The Orders Committee was set up to support the clergy and to help with morale. Rev. Norton announced there would be the Biannual Bishop’s Clergy Convocation on September 15-17, 2015. More information can be found at [www.calpacumc.org/ac2015](http://www.calpacumc.org/ac2015). Rev. Vetter shared resources that were available. There were Elder Pastors who could help guide, mentor, and support clergy. Orders of Ministry also had money available for scholarships to be used for continuing education, and events for clergy spiritual support.

Rev. Vetter shared that Orders was responding to the urging of the clergy to grow. They asked the gathering to think of the mentor pastors in their lives. The Holy Spirit moved through people, even though people we had a hard time liking. Rev. Vetter asked the members of the Session to write to their mentor pastor via social media in a moment of thanks and to hashtag it (#godisgood, #judgmentjusticejoy).
**Imagine No Malaria Moment (2:21 pm):** Video shown.

**Health Care Report (2:24 pm):** Rev. Ken McMillan, Chair Board of Pension and Health Benefits and Jan Hanson, Director of Human Resources/Benefits opened the presentation regarding Recommendation #15-13 (Retiree Health Care Plan, located on Page 102 and also Page 166) covering health care which would be presented in the Saturday morning plenary session for a vote. The California-Pacific Annual Conference had always made sure quality health care was available of all of its families. Once it was guaranteed, life-time health care would be provided to clergy and spouses. 50% of the Elders in this Conference were retired. The Conference was having a hard time arranging care coverage.

In 2009, the Annual Conference moved to having retirees pay portions of their health care. Since 2010, all retirees contributed to the health care cost. Coverage was based on 2% per year of service, with the retiree picking up the difference. The Pre-82 rule had set it that everyone who had retired since 1982 still had full coverages. $ 737,000 was being shared in the healthcare cost from participants. As cost continued to rise, 11% of the total budget was spent on health care. There may be a need to shift the health care program again. The Board of Pension and Health Benefits, over several years had been working on solutions, interviewing Conference staff, and checking with other Annual Conferences to find a viable solution. Last year, the board reviewed the idea of a health exchange (HRA). The Board had been in contact with the retirees on these proposed changes. Details had been mailed out to every retiree. Communication had been a high priority to make sure all know of this agenda.

Video was shown on Recommendation 15-13 regarding Retiree Health Care Plan.

Rev. Ken McMillan offered a personal word of gratitude to Jan Hanson for putting the informational video together. The formal vote would be tomorrow. If this passed, Rules 15-8 would be present to set new rules based on this program.

Bobby Timms from the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits was invited to share about changes how health care would work in this exchange. She worked for One Exchange. Bobby Timms ran a private medicare exchange and the company for 10 years, helping people moving from group care to individualized exchanges. The exchange had licensed agents who could assist each retiree access their accounts. The retirees would receive a mailing from Towers Watson coming in August. A four-step program was available. Towers Watson was a 100% domestic company with offices in Dallas, Texas, and Salt Lake City, Utah. Callers would reach someone in one of these offices. They had all Medicare type care plans. Medicare advantage plans, monthly plans were much lower but you would have co-pays in this plan. They had many plans in the Medicare supplements and these plans were paid for upfront. Depending on the plan chosen, an enrollee might not have to pay more moving forward. The enrollee would also need to have a secondary prescription coverage. Dental and vision coverage might also be available. There were over 90 insurance carriers in relationship with the exchange group. The benefit advisor would work to see clients through. The four-step process began when the retiree called the company. The advisor consulted with the retiree to see which plan type would work best for the retiree. If a plan was chosen with a network, the benefits advisor would check to see if the current doctor used that network. The benefits advisor would send information directly to the current insurance carrier. The company would be there for any needs through the process. The toll free number to contact them was: 1-866-249-7785.

Regarding the Health Care Reimbursement Account, the retiree would be making a premium payment. In the middle of December, a packet would be sent out. The funds would become available on January 1, 2016. Telephone assistance was available. The money was tax free both going in and going out. If there was money left over at the end of the year, it rolled over to the next year.

Bishop Carcaño clarified the voting process again. If this Health Care program passed, Rules 15-8 (Revision of Conference Health Insurance Policy) would be proposed for rules changes needed based on change. Bishop Carcaño opened the floor of the Conference for a time of questions.
Rev. Richard Suhr, Faith UMC Torrance asked about how the accounts would be adjusted? Bobby Timms explained that the adjustments would be voted on each year.

Rev. George Hooper, Vista UMC asked if the $2,800 was the same whether or not the person was married? Bobby Timms responded that $2,800 was available for both clergy and spouse. The total amount for both could be $5,600.

Another member of the Annual Conference asked about what happened if $200 was being put into the plan, but the cost was only $150 per month? Bobby Timms said the amount was there for them and they would have the money available for other medical costs or it would be moved over to next year.

Megan Hasslinger, Youth Lay Member, Hope UMC asked, what happened if a doctor was not covered by the plan? Bobby Timms responded that the benefits advisor would work hard to find a plan for the original doctor to be involved. If the retirees had a PPO plan they could go out of the plan. If there was an IPO, the advisor would help in finding care. Megan Hasslinger asked the follow up question, asking if the retiree had to reach a certain age before the rates would go down. Bobby Timms or Rev. Ken McMillan answered that when the retiree reached the age of 85, they would receive a full subsidy.

Steve Burke, Lay Member FUMC Pasadena asked about long phone waits would be while trying to get through to the plan administrator. Was the phone number given a dedicated number for Cal-Pac? The answer was a wait of 2 minutes or less. The retiree could also get back to the same benefit advisor.

Athena from Aldersgate UMC, Hawaii asked if the plans took into consideration the living expenses of each state? Rev. Ken McMillan respond that he did not think they took that into account, as it was set across the board.

Sarah Colling, Lay Member, Escondido UMC asked, “What about retirees under the Medicare age?” The answer was that the question was comparing a group plan and a Medicare plan and they did not match. They would have very good coverage going forward “a moment of trust.” This was a one size fits all idea and health care was changing. A comparable plan was really hard to find in comparison.

Steve Burke, Lay Member, FUMC Pasadena asked what were the protocols for reimbursement and how long would this take? The answer was that there were a couple of ways: The payment can be automated, which involved the monthly payment and they could deposit it into their account. The amount could also be mailed as a check. It could affect the co-payment.

Megan Hasslinger, Lay Member, Hope UMC asked if physical therapy, occupational therapy, and nursing care was included? The answer was that the care was affected by which plan the retiree chose.

Bishop Carcaño offered thanks for those who asked questions to clarify the issues.

**Cabinet Report (3:20 pm):** Rev. John Farley taught the Conference a song to help with remembering the mission statement. Rev. Farley lead the Conference in singing, ”Cabinet Matters” based on Matthew 25. Photos of Artesia-Cerritos UMC, Baldwin Park UMC, Banning UMC, Crescenta Valley UMC, El Segundo UMC, Costa Mesa First UMC, Guam UMC, Harris UMC, and Christ UMC were shown.

Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth as Dean of the Cabinet presented the 2015 Cabinet Report (included below in its entirety).

_This year has brought many changes and challenges to the Cabinet. Of course that is not new to any of us, but it bears naming and it also bears reporting how we have faced, embraced and overcome most of them._
We began the year with a firm commitment to strengthen our local churches, continue implementing and interpreting policies to bring all our ministries and operations into alignment with our vision (inspiring the world as passionate followers of Jesus Christ so all may experience God's life-giving love), and to arrive at this year’s Annual Conference Session with a clear and concise account of how we managed to do so and also share with you how the Cabinet shall continue this good work well into the future.

None of what we accomplished was done in a vacuum. Instead, we worked in close partnership with several bodies and individuals to ensure collaboration and accountability at every turn.

**Partnerships:** We are working with EMTs and Caucuses: highlight New Ministries EMT and our Director of New Ministries as it relates to new church starts, revitalizations and re-starts; Our Commission on Equitable Comp works hard to ensure our clergy salaries are paid at acceptable levels when a church cannot afford to do so on its own; We have tapped District Unions (funding initiatives Imagine No Malaria and Young Clergy Institute w/ CST)…All of this happens as we come into a more real experience of what it is to be connectional and whole – not separate entities working at cross purposes, but as one body moving in one direction, together.

**Policies:** 3 years ago we had many persons serving in pastoral roles who were not appointed but were considered Local hires. We knew and we know that is not in line with who we say we are, nor is it who we want to be, so we have worked, where possible, with those persons to get them credentialed and appointed. There are others out there, but as we learn of them, we are addressing it. You have worked with us to ensure any leases or loans are brought to the Cabinet for approval before moving ahead. Thank you. Of course that has its problems, but we will get there. Just as we will get there with 100% compliance with workers compensation insurance for every local church, we will ensure we are meeting minimum housing standards, and will not ignore the discrepancies in our minimum salary standards, nor will we pretend we do not know many of our churches take seriously and struggle to meet all those minimums while continuing to grow and meet its connectional giving responsibilities.

**Strengthening our local churches.** There was a strong commitment to do whatever possible to support and continue ministries in every community possible and to do so by working very hard NOT TO discontinue any congregations this year. That was a tall order, but thanks be to God, it has been accomplished...ALMOST.

Bishop, and members of the Annual Conference,

Our goal this year was to come before you with a Cabinet Report, free of any church discontinuances. I wanted really wanted to stand before you just once and share good news about growth and change that is transforming lives and ministries within our mission field. Well, we almost made it. But, like in horseshoes, almost doesn’t count.

However, the one resolution we need this body to act upon is one that could have come before you last year, but we were holding out for a possible merger that ultimately did not take place.

The Resolution for Discontinuance of Trinity UMC in Ontario was distributed in business session yesterday.

The Trinity UMC congregation ceased worship in January 2014. I reiterate, the first and expected option to merge this congregation with Upland First UMC did not come to fruition and we were not prepared to present a resolution at our last Session. Since the property has been vacant and several offers were presented to purchase the property, the East District Superintendent and the East District Union and District Planning and Strategy brought forth a final resolution for discontinuance of the church and sale of the property. The Resolution to liquidate the property was approved by all 5 Superintendents and the Bishop, and a process to liquidate the property is underway. That being the case, this body does need to take final administrative action to approve the Resolution for Discontinuance of Trinity UMC in Ontario, CA.
The Resolution was distributed to the body yesterday in the Business session.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Trinity UMC be discontinued on June 30, 2015, with the members already disbursed and transferred to local churches of their choice, and all financial, personal, and real property assets transferred to the East District Union of the California-Pacific Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following the sale of the property and when any/all outstanding financial liabilities and/or obligations are resolved, the net proceeds are to be disbursed as follows: 15% New Ministries Endowment Fund, 10% New Ministries Fund, 25% East District Union, 50% determined in consultation with the East District Planning and Strategy Team and the Appointive Cabinet.

I MOVE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

The motion for Resolution 15-15: Discontinuance of Ontario: Trinity UMC was supported.

We paused for prayer over the selling of Camp Site and the selling of this property.

District Superintendent Kathy Wilburn offered prayer for the sale for Camp Arroyo Grande and the sale of Trinity UMC. (not an official part of the report, but action that happened in the midst of it)

We have several initiatives we are working on to strengthen our local congregations. The Bishop and Cabinet launched an initiative with Discipleship Ministries, Path 1 and Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century, to work with five of our congregations to assist them with visioning for their future and to develop an intentional plan of growth that will help the Cabinet and others learn what it is to move a congregation to the next level of effectiveness and increase its impact in its context.

The churches involved in this initiative are: Wilshire and Holman in the West District, Pasadena First in the North, Church of the Good Shepherd in the East, and San Diego First in the South. San Diego First will continue its process with the appointment of a Path One supported grant where we will appoint Joshua Clough to work with the pastoral and lay staff and members of First Church to determine the placement and move toward launch of a new faith community in San Diego. Holman has benefited from The Academy of Interns initiative of SBC21 with the placement of Victor Cyrus Franklin. This year Holman continues its visioning process and Victor will be under appointment of our Bishop.

There were a cluster of congregations in the Hawaii District that were selected to work with I-Relate around issues of cross-cultural relations and cultural competency and others to engage a coaching process with Jim Griffith’s coaching network.

Our hope is that what we gain and learn from this process will help us continue this depth of work with another group of churches and these ministries will help others become stronger too.

There are some churches and communities that have longed for more intentional engagement and a plan for growth, but have struggled to get there on their own.

The Superintendents take their role as Chief Missional Strategists seriously in that we have worked closely with our District Committees on Ministry, District Planning and Strategy Teams, our New Ministries Essential Ministries Team and the Director of New Ministries to ensure we are starting, restarting and revitalizing congregations throughout the Conference. And that we are doing our part to help you identify, nurture and bring forth principled leaders – lay and clergy.

We will highlight some of them for your prayerful consideration and also to inspire and to encourage you as you return to your local churches and you see opportunities to do something bold for Kingdom –
whether it’s a new ministry or a person you know who demonstrates gifts and grace for service to the church. It is possible and we can accomplish great things as we work intentionally, collaboratively and prayerfully.

1) **Paso Robles United Methodist Church** has been without a building for many years and has essentially functioned as a mission congregation. They have continued worship and outreach ministries for almost five years without an appointed pastor. Last year, Ivellise Castellanos was appointed as a part-time student local pastor, serving Shandon and Paso Robles. In this past year that determined group of disciples has located a new building. The North District Planning and Strategy Team and the North District Union has worked with the congregation to purchase a new building to house the church and there is an intense and intentional five-year plan in place to move them forward. A re-start that we can celebrate.

2) **Downtown Long Beach**…Pacific property – site of the former LB FUMC…

3) **Looking to do a new work in Paramount where there is a great opportunity for new ministry…**the harvest is plentiful!

4) **University United Methodist Church** is the new name of Santa Barbara Korean United Methodist Church in Isla Vista, near the campus of University of California at Santa Barbara. Frank Schaefer, Rahel Yoo and the Santa Barbara Mission area churches are laying the foundation to help us develop Isla Vista Student Ministry.

5) **First German United Methodist Church** revitalization of a ministry willing to reach beyond those who speak German, to be inclusive of the diverse ethnic, cultural and linguistic tapestry that surrounds them.

6) **Chula Vista First** the appointment of Francisco Garcia Valesquez as Associate there and as pastor of Foundry… a new start that began as a dream and vision of one established church now expands it focus to be more intentionally inclusive of its bilingual and multicultural context

7) **Costa Mesa First**, a famed, downtown cathedral site will begin a robust redevelopment of the site so that it can be more reflexive as the City works with us to envision a new future.

8) **Arlington UMC** is in the beginning stages of developing a Hispanic Ministry in Riverside

9) **Eastern Sierras Cooperative Parish** – a Shared Ministry Model, inclusive of our churches in Bishop, Big Pine and Independence is one example of how we are working and strategizing for growth instead of staffing for decline.

10) **Immanuel Saipan** is an expression of our commitment to work in team with indigenous peoples in our context.

11) **When you receive and review the Master Appointment List, you will see more Lay Persons**

Assigned to some places where we do not have a clergy person to send to that context or the finances or expectation for that work in this season can be led by a layperson. In other cases, that category is assigned to persons whose credentials have not been verified or qualified for service as a licensed clergyperson, per our polity.

Over the years when we come before you with church closures, there is great pain felt in the room and many questions arise about process and intentions to follow such actions. I assure you, no one has ever come to this microphone and gleefully presented such action, but everyone has come forward doing what she or he felt was in the best interest of our collective witness in a given place at a given time. Although those decisions are never easy or entered into lightly, there are successes that come from those gut-wrenching actions.
When churches are closed sometimes the properties are re-purposed for development or held to re-start a different type of ministry a few years later. When church properties are sold those net proceeds return to the community, District or area determined in the Resolution for Discontinuance. Overall, the most exciting thing is to see new life begin. To experience resurrection and to revive hope where it had dissipated.

In this past years, we have seen some examples of ministries reborn after discontinuance that are stronger expressions of Christian faith and collective wisdom than any of us could have imagined a few years ago:

1) North Hills Hispanic Mission is in its second year and is on the site of the former Sepulveda UMC. Reverend Fred Morris is leading that work in an extremely marginalized sector of the San Fernando Valley, but it is bearing fruit in a place as we begin anew. There are ministries with the poor of that community and there are ministries to serve families and children who are undocumented, and in need of many services and resources.

For the second of many resurrection stories, lets see this video that tells the story of what has happened since the 2010 discontinuance of Christ UMC in San Diego.

2) Exodus United Methodist Church is a multicultural, multi-lingual expression of God’s holy community and it is located on the site where Christ UMC was discontinued in 2010. [View Video here]

Bill Jenkins introduced the leadership of Exodus UMC. Exodus UMC’s Charter was presented by Bishop Carcaño.

Your District Superintendent has a disciplinary role as Chief Missional Strategist and all that she or he does, as a member of the Cabinet is in service of fulfilling those responsibilities, but rest assured the mission involves you. It is not about you, but it involves you. The strategies developed and implemented within the District or the Mission Area are in service of the mission. And again, the mission involves you, but it is not about you. The work to get every pastor and every local church functioning at maximum capacity and effectiveness is for the sake of the mission, which involves you, but it is not about you.

Your Cabinet has worked diligently to live into the mandate and it has been a labor of love to see many come to understand the importance of our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world as we live into our vision as passionate followers of Jesus Christ so all may experience God’s life-giving love.

Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth expressed that his time as Dean of the Cabinet has been, “A labor of Love, so all may experience God’s life giving love.”

Bishop Carcaño commended the Cabinet and thanked Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth and Rev. Tom Choi as they were leaving the Cabinet to return to church leadership. We welcomed Rev. Jim Powell to the North District and Rev. SeHee Han to the Hawaii District.

Rev. Kathy Wilburn was announced as the Dean of the Cabinet and Rev. John Farley would be the Secretary. Bishop Carcaño offered a prayer for the Cabinet. Bishop Carcaño gave the Conference a quick stretch break.

At 4:11 pm, Bishop Carcaño called the Session back to order and asked the Nominations Committee for their report

Nominations Committee Report (4:11 pm): The Nominations Committee Report was presented by Liz Roark, Chair of the Nominations Committee. The Committee met 5 times this year. It was a supportive group where every voice was heard and every voice counted. The Committee was challenged to have the report made by the pre-conference briefing on May 3rd, and it happened. Liz
said the Committee worked hard and tirelessly to have peoples’ names lifted up. This was not just filling a space, but to have people driven in doing the work they were asked to do. Liz referred the Conference to Pages 230-249 (3rd part of pre-conference reports). The Nominations Report was presented to the body recognizing that it was a fluid document, which was continually updated. Liz reported there were still pending pieces of the report. She asked the Conference to review the report for corrections of the report and encouraged e-mails with missing information. Her contact information was 909-227-6919 and lizumc94@gmail.com.

Action on the Nominations Report to take place on Saturday. Lastly, she asked for their profile form to be filled out, so individuals could be identified for leadership needs.

Equitable Compensation (4:20 pm): Rev. Cindy Arntson and Jay Sowell presented the Equitable Compensation Report. Their preliminary report could be found online. They shared information on what the Committee on Equitable Compensation did. It provided grants to pay pastoral salaries. It considered the needs of church and pastor for payment structure for all pastors. All Pastors and Church Councils needed to check these standard as they did change. Minimum compensation schedule was displayed. Pastors and Staff Parish Relations Committees were encouraged to review this scale yearly. Each year of leadership moved the pastor 1% higher in the median. A chart displaying the average pastors salaries for both the conference and the nation was shown. The graph indicated this Conference was below national average for 15 years, however as of 2016, the Conference was back to the national average.

Rev. Arntson explained the Committee on Equitable Compensation would be recommending rule changes for vote. The Committee on Equitable Compensation administered several types of funding: Equitable Compensation subsidy, vital presence subsidy grants to churches serving an underserved mission field, New Ministries EMT grants to reach new populations, and churched that needed a financial boost and because of the potential of revitalization, they needed assistance. Applications available online. Grant applications were due in October and July. There were also emergency grants, if there was a need. Applications needed District Superintendent approval.

CEC Membership and support displayed. They were here to support ministry and support dreaming of ministry goals. They felt this was a work of justice and compassion. Rev. Arntson gave thanks to Jay Sowell for his 7 years of leadership. Steve Hable was asked to be Co-Chair of the Committee.

Rules and Structure Task Force (4:35 pm):
In the spirit of collaboration, members of the Rules and Structure Task Force and the Commission on Equitable Compensation worked to present the following motion.

Rev. Karen Ristine moved to place Rule VII.D.5(a)(iii) to read "The Commission is accountable to the Annual Conference. It shall consult with the Council on Finance and Administration and may collaborate with other Essential Ministry Teams for the purpose of supporting vision and mission of the Annual Conference."; place under VII.E.4(b); amend numbering on Rule VII.E. to read: "e. Commission . . . . .

The motion was moved and supported.

AND

Rev. Karen Ristine moved to change the heading to “Bodies Mandated by the Book of Discipline”; place the committees in subsequent order under Rule VIII; Amended Rule VIII will read:

"VIII. BODIES MANDATED BY THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE . . .
F. Commission on Equitable Compensation

The motion was moved and supported.
Consent Calendar (4:38 pm): Rev. Bob Rhodes presented the Consent Calendar. He expressed thanks for the leaders of the Legislative Sections. There were 38 items assigned to seven Legislative Sections and acknowledged there was more work to be done. Rev. Rhodes projected slides of Consent Calendar with the percentage also posted outside the restrooms. The vote on the remaining items on the Consent Calendar would be Saturday. Bishop Carcaño thanked Rev. Rhodes for his work.

Budget 2016 Q and A (4:41 pm): Prior to the discussion pertaining to the proposed 2016 budget, Dan Griffin, Chair of the Council on Financial Resources and Archana Carey, Executive Director of Finance and Facilities/Treasurer asked Conference Chancellor, Steve Harbison to come forward to acknowledge his retirement. She thanked him for staying on a bit longer to give further help and for his dedication to service. Archana and Dan presented Mr. Harbison with a plaque honoring him for his 29 years of service to the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church as Conference Chancellor. He served from 1986 to 2015.

Shannon Logan from The General Council on Finance and Administration gave thanks for this Conference’s 100% apportionment payment to Africa University. These payments help ministries around the world happen. 690 student would graduate this year from Africa University, which was 100 more than the previous year.

Bishop Carcaño opened up the floor of the Conference for questions and answers regarding the Conference Budget. A question came from a Extension Ministries Clergy who was looking for Children's Ministry and Senior Adult Ministries in the budget and could not find it. Rev. Steve Hundley spoke to his question. He said the committee had worked through a process through the Leadership EMT and had gathered money together and were reworking the job of Lay Leadership in Age Level Ministries. The Council on Finance and Administration would accept money to pay for extra positions.

Jim Monk, Lay Member from Hawaii said the budget only has $ 60,000 for campus ministry. He asked if the Conference had a record of what other Wesley Foundations were doing around the country? The answer was that each of the Wesley Foundations had a full time person and were working on their local boards to find ways to pay for their position. There were local church based campus ministers as well.

A Clergy member asked for the total amount of adjustment factor for the whole amount? The answer given was $ 1,667,974.

Kristin Hall, Lay Member, Ridgecrest UMC asked for clarification on the 2014 budget and actual. She asked if the $ 10,512,205 was what was actually received and was the $ 744,302 what what the Conference had to up, because churches had not paid their portion in full or was the $ 744,302 a surplus? Archana answered that the $ 744,302 was apportionment non payment. 57c was the total amount received is $ 510,205. There was no Conference over spending.

Megan Hasslinger, Lay Member, Hope UMC thought the Resource EMT was eliminated yesterday, but it still showed up in the budget. Rev. Hundley explained the money for the Resource EMT was still in the budget, because the budget was printed prior to yesterday’s vote. He further explained that the different parts of the Resource EMT would still be functioning and portions of that money would still be used.

Katharine Henry, a Young Adult Member from La Cañada UMC stated the budget line item on Page 43 was decreased and a position was eliminated. She wanted to know if any of this money was to be used for the position or would there be the creation of a new position that would also include Young Adult Ministries. She requested a breakdown of where those funds were going to be used. Bishop Carcaño acknowledge the youth and their intensity. Bishop Carcaño recommended the group speak with Rev. Hundley and was wondering if they would be willing, after the Young People’s Service, to meet and discuss their question. Katharine said they were not interested in doing that. She said they were requesting to restore money. The Youth and Young Adults had not had a Director since the Essential Ministry Teams were formed. Their goal was to have Young People to have money for
programming and to have this position. Bishop Carcaño encouraged Christian Conferencing to discuss this matter.

Rev. Eric Schmidt, Rancho Cucamonga UMC asked if there were any effective savings that had resulted from the disbanding of this EMT? Rev. Hundley clarified that if anyone said that there was a project saving, that was not correct. Saving funds was not planned for the change in Conference structure.

Rev. Charlene Zuill from the Wesley Foundation in Hawaii, asked where the funds for the Wesley activities was allocated for the Wesley activities? The answer was that the Claremont School of Theology would received a grant to use the money.

A Clergyman tried to clarify the earlier Youth question. The question was what portion of the money would go directly into Young People’s Ministries and what portions would go towards staff position salary. Bishop Carcaño recommended that Christian Conferencing should be pursued and to work together to discern the will of God. Archana said that would be inappropriate to discuss the salary for a staff person in this setting.

Megan Hasslinger, Lay Member, Hope UMC asked what caused the large increase in the Human Resources budget. Archana said that Human resources were on the staff of the Annual Conference office. The $ 17,564 was money that was spread throughout the budget and was now in one place.

Steve Burke, Lay, Pasadena FUMC said the budget of Youth had increased by $ 24,000. He asked if there had there been an actual increase in the budget for Youth Ministries or had the Finance Committee been moving around money for the salary of a staff? The ask was that this was an actual increase. Youth and Young Adults would still have program funds. A part of the problem was the person had not be hired and they could not set the total until that would be negotiated.

A Member of the Conference asked if a percent could be given. Rev. Hundley said that it was possible, but they had not had time to do it. Bishop Carcaño asked for that to happen.

A Youth member requested a moment of Personal Privilege. Bishop Carcaño declined, but offered to have a personal conversation after the service for Young People will be held at 9:00 pm tonight.

**Board of Trustees (5:11 pm):** Rev. Karen Tannheimer reported that it had been a busy year for the Board. It was their priority to look over the insurance needs of the Conference. Don Williams from HUB International was introduced. The Conference was invited to come to the HUB International booth and get business cards and their newsletter, “The Guardian.” Rev. Tannheimer said she was pleased to report premiums would not be raised for 2015. Church Trustees were staying on top of facility needs, which had assisted in lowering claim payments. Rev. Tannheimer reminded the Conference that each church could receive “Ask an Expert” legal advice, which would help churches stay in compliance. Worker’s compensation information could be provide in continued conversation. Please contact Don Williams for more information.

The Conference Trustees looked forward to work with Camping and to bring some change. Two camps were in the process of being sold. Camping was a vital part of our development lives. The goal was to continue to support that work. Trustees had overseen the work on the Conference offices. Rev. Tannheimer thanked the members of the committee with a special thanks to Joyce Zirkle, and also Steve Harbison who would be missed after his retirement. Rev. Tannheimer thanked Bishop Carcaño and her staff with the work of the Board of Trustees in the Conference and she also thanked local church leaders and their boards.

Announcements (5:28 pm): Leanne Nakanishi thanked the body for the work of hard discernment during a long day. She reminded the group about the District gatherings at 8:00 pm and the Young People’s Worship at 9:00 pm at the Fire Pit.

Closing Prayer (5:30 pm): by the Young Adult Layperson of the Year Chelamar Hoskins.

Young People’s Service  
Friday, June 19, 2015  
Fire Pit  
9:00 PM

The Young People’s Worship was held at the University of Redlands “Fire Pit.” Torrance First UMC’s praise band, New Voice, sang “Set A Fire,” “Alive,” “Wake,” and “Our God is Greater” as the group gathered. An opening prayer was offered by David Finau and he invited the group to offer welcoming high fives. Throughout the service, Rev. Sarah Heath painted while the service continued.

Stephanie Rice gave the first word about judgment and reclaiming what it meant to experience God’s judgment, moving from God’s judgment to justice to joy. New Voice led the gathering in “From the Inside Out.” Mele Tutuifua read Mark 29:20-24. Rosie Rios spoke about justice and what our hearts looked like as a society. She also spoke about how society and people pass judgment after learning about who someone was. She ended with ways to build up our society with a series of questions about what justice looked like. New Voice led the gathering in “Heart of Worship.”

Luke 19:1-10 was read by Miranda Lohr. Sammy Vogt spoke about the theme of Joy. She spoke about standing up for what was right in an unjust situation which brings her joy. This was the transformation from justice to joy.

Rev. Heath spoke about her form of prayer through painting. She painted a mason jar as being the mixing pot for justice and joy because it was clear and free. After she spoke, New Voice sang “Overwhelmed.”

The gathering participated in Holy Communion presided over by Rev. Allison Mark. After communion, all gathered took a lit candle and poured the wax onto a larger candle to represent the individuals putting their lives onto the body of Christ. The group ended with music during communion and the candle ritual. New Voice played “Oceans” and “No Place I’d Rather Be.” Rev. Mark offered the benediction.

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Plenary Session # 5 and Morning Worship
8:30 AM

Morning Worship (8:30 am): God’s people gathered with the singing of “What A Mighty God We Serve,” “God of Grace and God of Glory,” “Come to Jesus,” and “We Are an Offering.” The Call to Worship was led by Sonia Rodriguez. The scripture, Mark 1:1-5, 9-11, was read by Shanel Alexander. The gathering sang “Morning Has Broken” with “Baptized in Water” as the Mark-Schwiebert family came forward. Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño presided over the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Kaira Kanoelani Emi Mark-Schwiebert as the family affirmed their faith and all others in attendance gathered to commit to help raise Kaira as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Afterward, the gathering sang “He Knows My Name.” Bishop Carcaño offered a blessing and the children of the Conference helped the gathering in singing “Draw the Circle Wide.”

Reflecting on True Acts of Repentance (9:03 am): Rev. Dr. George Tinker began with Indian prayer of good morning and how we were all relatives, not just humans, but also all of creation. Dr. Tinker offered a song. Dr. Tinker remarked that culture was an interesting thing, and how we all did things differently. He said culture was a part of the narrative he spoke of throughout the gatherings. Dr. Tinker gave thanks for a prayer quilt he was given. Blankets were an important part of gift giving in his culture. Dr. Tinker continued his exploration of the narrative, of the American narrative, and the Christian narrative. The narrative was so deep within us that we recited it when we were not aware of it. We recited it in multiple ways. A piece of awareness had become visible because of conversations Dr. Tinker has had with members of the Conference. He had been asked, “What could we do to help Indian people?” “How could we make a difference?” “We had been moved and wanted to apologize and needed reconciliation and forgiveness.” None of those concepts existed in Indian culture, because it was a community based culture and they did not need those words. In the Individual based Christian world, these words were important; however, in a world of community, they were not. Dr. Tinker said that culture got in the way. He asked, “How did we move beyond what had been shared?” It was all over the continent, from Canada to Central America. It also happened in South America. It happened wherever Christians went. It did not have to do with the Methodist Church; it had to do with the Narrative that ran deeper than that. It was a Christian Narrative. It was not about you; it was bigger than you. If you made it about you, you lost sight of the real problem; it was not about you, nor was it about me. Dr. Tinker said that feelings were powerful things, but the pain of excluded people ran deeper than just you. Who reconciled with whom? If you wanted reconciliation, you had to find someone else to reconcile with. When we talked about whole communities and all Indian people, that was much harder. Steve Newcomb, a Shawnee legal scholar stated that reconciliation presumed fundamentally there was some form of conciliation we could go back too. When was that? It existed before “The Exodus” of the movement of Christian presence. Reconciliation was the wrong category to
be talking about. It was a deeply embedded Christian word, then it was used as a club. We needed to step back and go back to the biblical text. In the bible reconciliation, it was not about people; it was about God. That was a different thing. If we could not talk about reconciliation, forgiveness was equally troubling. If we sought forgiveness from Indian people, which ones were you going to ask it from? There was a deep need based on growing up for years in hopelessness and decades of teenage suicide. Pineridge was the poorest county in the United States with 87% unemployment. 87% was not working based on 500 years of Colonialism. Dr. Tinker spoke of his experience working as a consultant on the Acts of Repentance and his conclusion was that apologies were not going to work. He used examples of failed attempts for reconciliation in Colorado, Canada, and Australia. Apologies only helped the people offering the apology. No land had been given back. “I apologize. May I keep your land?” was not much of an apology. We were caught in the Narrative. Even the good people made things worse. Dr. Tinker said that we needed to realize we were dealing with a systemic problem, not just racism, sexism, and elitism, but one that unconsciously made Americans feel we were special because we were Americans. We were the “good guys” of the world. We “Stood taller and saw further.” Dr. Tinker recommended the book, “Postcolonial Feminist Interpretation of the Bible.” We had to have a different way to talk to each other. Dr. Tinker relayed a story about a spiritual leader in the Indian community who spoke of a youth member who spit on the grass. His brother shared that he did not want the young man to spit on the grass. The brother said, “that is your relative, you did not want spit on your relative. Spit on the concrete that was made by a human being that was not your relative.” The new narrative, “if I called you my relative,” I could not hurt you. I could not take my anger out on you physically. I could not do things to disrupt our relationship. The Indian people had a ceremony to cut down a tree. They explained to the tree why they had to take its love and send it out to the spirit world as sign of respect. The balance was important. Mine taking care of mine was hard to think about if you were really focusing on keep the world around us in balance. Hold the image of affirming all of your relatives, living in harmony with all of those around us. To teach this was a hard assignment, because for Indian kids, they were relatives with everything. Begin with the Counter Narrative. It took commitment to be a part of the Counter Narrative. Make a commitment to your relatives. You were going to make mistakes and get comments. Just make the commitment of living the Counter Narrative. Little by little, we could begin to shift this culture of violence and shift it back to peace. Dr. Tinker said we were in his heart and we were an easy audience to talk to. He said he appreciated and loved us, and hoped to see us again. He spoke of his hopes to see little changes by the next time he came to visit. He ended by saying, “That’s all for now, my relatives.”

Bishop Carcaño thanked Dr. Tinker and said we had been blessed by his presence. She said we would be sending him a gift on behalf of all of us. One of the ways to share our deep appreciation, respect, and love was to hold him in our hearts as well., She invited everyone to stretch out their hands and shared a blessing for Dr. Tinker. Bishop Carcaño prayed and called the Conference to recess at 9:38 am.

**Call to Order (9:53 am):** Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño called Plenary Session # 5 of the 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference to order. Bishop Carcaño said she would send a letter from our Annual Conference to the Emmanuel Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Prayer concerns were shared at microphones on the floor of the Conference. Bishop Carcaño invited the Conference members to pray and at the conclusion of this time, Bishop Carcaño offered a Pastoral Prayer.

**Orders of the Day (10:11 am):** Rev. Melinda Dodge was invited by Bishop Carcaño to present the Orders of the Day. The *motion was voted on and supported.*

**Announcements (10:12 am):** Leanne Nakanishi shared a message from Jennifer Gaylord, our Registrar to make sure keys and meal cards were returned prior to departure. Meal cards were to be returned in Irvine Commons at your last visit or in Hunsaker Center at the Campus Events window. Keys should be returned to Hunsaker Center at the Campus Events window. There would be a $50 per key fee for lost keys charged to the person not returning their key. If linens were rented, the Conference members were to leave all parts of the linens on the mattress at the end of the beds in a bundle. The Annual Conference was financially responsible for all meals cards, linens, and keys NOT
returned. You will be billed for not turning in any of the above. The Conference Secretary gave instructions to the Conference regarding the microphone etiquette for later in the day. Persons wishing to speak were instructed to hold paddles up when at microphones. The paddle colors were listed on Page 10 of the Resource Handout (Green: In Favor of, Red: In Opposition to, Blue: Question or Point of Information, and Yellow: If you wanted to make a motion, which should already be filled out and given to the Conference Secretary in advance). The Conference Secretary asked the speaker to state his or her name, Church, and relationship to the Conference. She also asked the speaker to hold up his or her badge, so we could capture your information on video.

**Connectional Moments (10:14 am):** Rev. Lee Carlile was honored to present the tangible reminder of the connections to our Conference, through our United Methodist Seminaries. Rev. Carlile introduced the following representatives who shared greetings from their Deans, faculty, students, and staff:

1. **Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore,** Dean of the Boston University School of Theology thanked Bishop Carcaño for the invitation and shared greetings from the awesome students who represented 50 states, 18 countries, and the increasing number of United Methodist M.Div’s every year for the past 5 years. Their students were passionate for ministry of God and to transform this world through God’s Spirit, so hurts might be turned to joys, injustice might be turned to justice. Their faculty was passionate about teaching, scholarship, and service and had 4 new faculty members coming this year. They had a full range of excellent degree programs with specializations in chaplaincy, spirituality, ecological justice, conflict transformation, constructive theology, just to name a few. Their new doctorate program and transformational leadership began a year ago and had been soaring.

2. **Ms. Jeania Ree Moore,** member of their 100th graduating class of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University shared greetings from Dean Jan Love. They just celebrated their Centennial Anniversary and also the inauguration of 3 new master degree programs. They had student initiatives addressing local issues of hunger and food insecurity, Black Lives Matter Campaign, Racial Justice, as well as the pending execution of a Georgia death row inmate. They had a passion for theology that lived and breathed in the world reflecting the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst. They were called to live, love, and learn in a Christian Community to discern, pray, and serve the community through the church.

3. **Rev. Dr. Jeff Conklin-Miller,** Associate Dean of Duke Divinity Theological School shared greetings from Dean Richard Hayes. As a member of the faculty teaching in the areas of Christian Formation and Evangelism and Associate Dean working in the areas of student services and academic programs. The heart of their ministry was the formation of principled Christian Leaders. They were the first graduate professional school to be formed at Duke University. They served 650 students representing 50 different Christian traditions, studying in 7 different degree programs. The average age was 26 and nearly half of the students in the Master Divinity Program were United Methodists hoping to serve the Local Church. Their location in the University allowed them to develop programs, centers, and initiatives that extended the good news of God’s work, while living at the intersection of the church and world. On their website you could find more about all of this. Lastly, he shared he grew up in Escondido and a member of this Annual Conference. They were grateful for the partnership in service to God through the UMC.

4. **Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Wolfe,** President of the Iliff School of Theology shared this was special to him to be standing in this space on this campus, as it was his wife’s, Rev. Marilyn Wolfe’s alma mater. He was grateful we had the presence of Dr. Tinker and said we knew what they got to experience every day. There were about the work of educating and developing leaders with courageous, theological imaginations, who would serve the world in new and renewed communities of inclusive justice. This was accomplished by viewing the world and its dilemmas, through the eyes of critical scholarship and by engaging the very heart of what was sacred, both essential in affirming that holy restlessness and bringing those vocations fully into life. Their students served in many areas, speaking prophetically, serving, and exposing the human needs for others to see and embrace. He thanked us for our support, as well as our support of the Ministerial Education Fund. Their students knew of and felt our presence as they benefitted through these scholarships. Our United Methodist Heritage and relationships
provided access for a diverse community committed to social justice, inclusiveness, and religious diversity.

(5) Rev. Dr. William B. Lawrence, Dean of Perkins School of Theology shared their mission was to prepare women and men for faithful leadership in Christian Ministry. They did that in context with 3 relationships with the University (Southern Methodist University), with the Southwestern Region of the United States (Border lands between North and Latin America), and with churches, specifically the UMC. In relationship with the University, they cultivated a context for critical thinking about a variety of issues through degree programs in theology and social justice. In relationship with churches, specifically the UMC, 54% of the faculty and senior staff are United Methodists and 2/3 of the students are United Methodists. At their Center for the Studies of Latino/Latina Christianity and Religions, the Mexican American program, celebrating 40 years, were committed to those kinds of ministries that crossed the border and that ministered to the people who crossed the border, whether they came with documents or not. They were also committed for any Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference to receive a full tuition scholarship. They also awarded on a competitive basis, two full tuition scholarships for those committed to ministering in Latino/Latina/Hispanic context. He asked and encouraged us to focus on the important events of the General Conference 2016 and the decisions to support, sustain, and renew the Ministerial Education Fund. They were preparing the next generation of leaders, but grateful for the current generation, not least among them, Perkins Graduate and Distinguished Alumni Award Winner, Bishop Minerva Carcaño, whom he thanked for today.

(6) Rev. Steve Hundley represented Rev. Dr. David McAllister-Wilson, President of Wesley Theological Seminary and a native Californian. Rev. Hundley had 2 degrees from Wesley Theological Seminary and they gave him a t-shirt, which he wore. They were located in Washington DC. It was a church based seminar with over 700 students. They had programs to deal with inner cities. The Lewis Center for Leadership was there. It was a full service seminar. The student population was 53% women with 37% ethnic minorities. There was an intentional move to relate to all parts of the ministry with a focus on the arts and inner cities. They were thankful for us and also for the MEF funds. He was grateful for all we did for the Wesley Theological Seminary and all these schools.

Bishop Carcaño said we had 2 videos from 2 seminaries, which we were going to hold until after the panel. She was so very grateful for our colleagues who traveled from such a distance to be with us in conversation and to affirm their commitment to be partners with us in the preparation of our clergy. We would be working with them as we sent forth many young clergy through our young clergy initiative.

Acts of Repentance Panel (10:30 am): Rev. David Farley, Director of Justice and Compassionate Ministries welcomed Suanne Ware-Diaz, our moderator for this panel. She opened by asking for a few moments to present a gift to Bishop Carcaño and our presenters at the end of their presentation. She shared about an article, which focused on people who lived in the present, who focused on the now, were people who were happier and lived with a lot of stress, than those who looked back and pondered what would be happening as they moved forward. She believed that was a very apt description of most of them in the indigenous world. They did not see themselves as just standing up there alone. She shared that she was of the Kiowa tribe of Southwestern Oklahoma, the great granddaughter of a descendant of the Sand Creek Massacre, and the daughter of a survivor of the Boarding Schools and World War II. She did not take her presence lightly, nor her purpose lightly. People, who looked backwards, looked backwards for a reason, because they were surrounded by love. They had been prayed for decades, centuries, and millennia, before they even got here. They looked ahead, because they looked with hope. They now, in the presence, had a purpose. They were resilient and strong, and grateful for the struggles and challenges that faced them now, because they had their roots in the past. Dr. Tinker said many asked, “Why were you always looking at the past?” The past informed who they were and what they were facing now.

The committee that organized the panel met frequently over the past few months via phone. They thought it most important to ask the people of this land and their leaders to come forward and share. They were very important people. Ms. Ware-Diaz introduced Georgiana Sanchez, who was a
Barbareno Chumash esteemed Elder. Ms. Sanchez was an educator and recently retired from Cal State Long Beach. She had participated in many Native American ecumenical dialogues and symposiums through the National United Methodist Native American Center. She was a storyteller and a singer. She spoke about the mission era and the canonization of the Junipero Serra. Ms. Ware-Diaz introduced Rev. Dr. Kaleo Patterson, who was a native Hawaiian. He was the President of the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center, which focused on peace and justice advocacy, education, and the promotion of non-violence in the church and community. He was a priest in the Episcopal Church in Hawaii and chaplain of the Iolani Guild. Ms. Ware-Diaz introduced her dear friend and spiritual guide, Julia Bogany, an esteemed Elder of the Tongva Gabrieleno people. She was a cultural advisor and worked out in the community. She worked with the American Indian Fetal Alcohol Educational Program, and served on numerous community boards and organizations, serving the needs of our Native American children and youth here in Southern California. She volunteered and spoke at the Sherman Indian School. She sat at the Stakeholders’ Table for the Indian Child Welfare Act. She was a lecturer at the Claremont Colleges.

Ms. Georgiana Sanchez displayed her father’s walking stick, which told the story of their history from the islands off the coast of California. He was born in 1897. She had wonderful stories from California. Her mother was from the Arizona area and experienced the Indian Schools. When Ms. Sanchez worked with the United Methodist Church, Dr. Tinker helped her to think differently about many things and was one of her heroes. She shared her English and Chumash names, and prayed a Native American Prayer of Blessing to bless and watch over all of us.

She asked to share about Junipero Serra and the stories from the Mission era. It was very difficult for her to talk about this, because it brought back a lot of memories. On June 9 1987, Ms. Sanchez made a pilgrimage there to a ceremony at a Santa Barbara Mission where many of her ancestors were baptized and married. The ceremony was held on a portion on the side, which was on the site of a mass grave. Ms. Sanchez felt too close, stepped away, and prayed. Only last night was she able to begin to write about what she wanted to share today. She could not speak of California mission system without first referencing on the doctrine of Christian discovery. She asked us if we remembered how Dr. Tinker was talking about that narrative, that systemic way of being and looking at the world, in which we were trapped in and unable to look at things in a different manner? Ms Sanchez shared that the doctrines of Christian discovery were just barely now trying to shift and many were still stuck in the narrative. There were murders, inhumane treatment, injustices, the taking of their lands, the destruction of indigenous cultures throughout the Americas and the world, which were the direct result of centuries of racist ideology perpetuated during the so called age of discovery and codified in the doctrines of Christian discovery. Some of you may have learned about the palpables in the late 1400’s, especially after Columbus got lost and finally discovered that he was part of a very ancient new world. In Steve Newcomb’s book Pagans in the Promised Land, he referenced, “A mental process whereby our native ancestors were metaphorically conceptualized on the basis of Christian religion as pagans, infidels, and even savages. According to this conceptual framework, the early Christian invaders “categorized our respective Native Nations as politically nonexistent and deemed the ancestral lands of indigenous nations to be terra nullus, or vacant lands, over which a Christian ruler could legitimately claim dominion over those lands.” After Columbus, there were palpables already out, which actually helped with the slave trade with Portugal. The colonization, and as Dr. Tinker said, the missionary conquests of the Americas began in earnest. The destructive mission system forced upon California Indian peoples should be recognized within that larger narrative: that any Christian country could, at any time, take away the lands, use the people and resources, because they were seen as infidels and pagans, and that the discovers were of a higher order of human beings and they had the right to take away those lands.

The California Mission System was a failed system. The Missions were founded by Junipero Serra in 1769 to 1834 where they became secularized and became a part of the Mexican Republic. After they were secularized, the Neophytes, those who received sacraments, baptism and confirmation, were sent all over. The missions fell into disrepair, people looted the missions, and at times, owners took entire walls. They only lasted about 65 years, about one generation. Most of the people who were coerced in, died by the thousands. This Mission System resulted in the near destruction of Native
American Cultures. The Missions you saw today were the result of the Automobile Club Campaigns, Chambers of Commerce, and wealthy patrons who saw the Missions as possible attractions for tourists. They wanted to romanticize the Spanish history in California. They had been made to look as beautiful as they could, but what you did not realize was, when you walked the grounds, these were the burial grounds of thousands of people and you were walking and driving over the graves of these people. Her great grandmother was buried under the Mission Buenaventura. That was what they called capping. They did not dig the bodies out, they just capped over the people.

In 1987, she was part of a peaceful protest against the pending beatification of Father Serra. Beatification was the second step towards sainthood. He had already been pronounced as “Venerable.” The protesters prayed at 13 Missions and met with the Northern contingents the next day at Mission San Juan Bautista. You could see mounds and people walked over these mounds, which were the burial mounds of people. They asked if they could do something, as there were no markers there to show that their dead were there. 99% of the time, there were no markers. They had been made into parking lots and flower gardens, where people were walking unknowingly over graves.

At the Mission San Antonio de Padua, they had to go through an army base to get to their land for ancestral prayer. They were very kind and let them in. One member of their group became sick, began to cry, and started saying “The Children, The Children.” They knew they were in the presence of something strange and different, a presence of ancestors and God. As they left, they saw the tallest whirlwind over a field began to rise. This whirlwind stayed in the middle of the burial grounds and it raised higher and higher. They kept looking back and the sun made it shine. Ms. Sanchez felt like it were the children and ancestors saying, “Don’t forget us. Don’t forget us.” When she arrived home, she did some research. There were several epidemics, but there was one in particular, a measles epidemic, that killed all of the children. The priest there would sometimes see the spirit of a child walking by. One of the things they prayed at every place, but they did not have ceremony or do things that might have helped those caught there move on to the afterlife and being embraced by our loving God. Something was keeping them there, perhaps so we could feel and know that we had to tell their story. She told a story of when she was 8 and went to an adobe house, where they saw stacks of bones. One of the things that the people from the Missions did was, after the bodies rotted for a while, they would open the graves and put the bones in these houses. She then thought about what did they do with all of those bones? Some said they ground them up and possibly used to be put in the mortar to help with the repair of the Missions.

At each Mission, she felt and heard the silent voices of their ancestors and relatives. This filled her with sorrow and she continued to be a voice for their ancestors. Ms. Sanchez was thankful to The United Methodist Church. They would keep telling their story and hopefully people would listen.

Rev. Dr. Kaleo Patterson was from Oahu, Hawai‘i and had family in Oahu and Maui. He said they had many burial issues in Hawai‘i. Whenever there were inadvertent discoveries, they had to seek permission to visit. He was honored to be here this week and said he saw the spirit of God in all of us. He led a prayer that was taught to every child in Hawai‘i and had family in Oahu and Maui. He said they had many burial issues in Hawai‘i. Whenever there were inadvertent discoveries, they had to seek permission to visit. He was honored to be here this week and said he saw the spirit of God in all of us. He led a prayer that was taught to their children for thanksgiving for the day. Rev. Dr. Patterson was thankful to be in the land of the Sorrento and to hear their stories. He was said Dr. Kim Marcus could not be present today, but happy to see the opening prayer done by a descendant from the land around Redlands. Kauwila was a word back home, similar sounding to the word of the Cahuilla people here. Kauwila was the name of a rare tree in Hawai‘i. It grew up in the sacred mountains and was prized for its resiliency and hardness. It was one of the hardest woods of all their native trees. When he saw Dr. Kim Marcus, he thought of their Kauwila tree back home and how fortunate we were to catch a glimpse of Dr. Kim Marcus and the strong, resilient, tree he was for the future of his people. He offered his respect to Dr. Tinker, a tall tree in the forest of life, high up on the sacred mountain as well, and expressed appreciation to be able to learn from his wisdom.

Rev. Dr. Patterson asked to lift the veil of the American Narrative and uncover the truth about Hawai‘i. This narrative was in place because of militarization, Hollywood, and tourism. People did not know about the real history of Hawai‘i. It was illegally annexed without due process, and was a stolen nation. There were new truths and documents being discovered and it was important to look again at our
In 1893, the Queen was taken from the palace and imprisoned. Americans went into Hawai‘i and took political control, as they wanted to colonize Hawai‘i and wanted to colonize other small countries, such as Puerto Rico, Cuba, Samoa, and the Philippines. In 1893, during the Spanish American War, Americans went to war against Spain to take over colonies of the Spanish empire. While engaged in wars in the Pacific and the Caribbean, a vote by Resolution to annex Hawai‘i surfaced in Congress and passed. It was not a legal annexation. Annexation needed to take place by treaty. The Queen was held in house arrest and later imprisoned. She spoke in parables to her people to share her wise council. She wrote songs of forgiveness, songs of praise, and songs of love while she was imprisoned. She was instructing and leading her people, even as she was forced to abdicate from the throne, under the threat of others being executed. The Queen took all the abuse upon herself, the indignity and humiliation, as she guided her people as only she could from a distance and with dignity, faith in God, and love. She showed others how to develop to be compassionate, how to forgive, to never cease, to never let go of who they were, to hang onto their culture and identity, and to never stop seeking and yearning for justice, non-violence and reconciliation. She was a tireless worker of justice. She made trips to talk with President Grover Cleveland and she worked hard to oppose the annexation of Hawai‘i. She led the fight for land issues and Hawaiian rights, which were still used today. In her book, The Queen’s Story, this was a truth telling of what happened, but also an instrument to help lead her people to justice and reconciliation. In a letter she wrote, “Oh honest Americans, as Christians, hear me for my downtrodden people. Their form of government is as dear to them as yours is as precious to you. Quite warmly as you love your country, so they love theirs. With all your godly possessions, covering a territory so immense, that there are yet parts unexplored. Possessing islands although new at hand, had to be neutral ground in times of war. Do not covet the little vineyard of ….so far from your shores, lest the punishment of Ahab fall upon you, if not in your day, but in that of your children. For be not deceived, that God is not mocked the people, to whom your Father has told of the Living God and who has taught to call Father. And now whom the sons seek to despoil and destroy, are crying out loud to Him in their time of trouble. He will keep his promise and will listen to the voice of his Hawaiian children lamenting for their homes.”

After World War II, there were negative impacts of tourism and militarization. These major economic engines combined with government contracts produced billions of dollars, but the benefits to Native Hawaiians overall were minimal and had more of a negative impact. The global phenomenon of mass tourism happened with the development of air travel away from war needs, by taking advantage of existing airports, creating travel routes, and developing communication networks. The emergence of multi-national corporations developed hotel chains, golf courses, mega resorts, and estates for the wealthy. Throughout the developments, Native Hawaiians had voiced opposition by standing in front of bulldozers, being arrested, and sent off to prison. These developments meant indigenous people had to give up their lands. Their lands were taken away by the government, either through executive order, legislative bills, rezoning, or simply stealing. Coastal fishing lines were destroyed or restricted. Sacred burial lands had been destroyed. Hawai‘i had been seen as the world’s playground, but the home culture was losing their land. They had worked to protect native burial lands and reached out of court settlements with some developers.

In 1889, the Hawai‘i Ecumenical Coalition, after the International Conference with churches and activists, the declaration stated that a state of emergency existed for the Hawaiian people and for the fragile island environment. It emphasized that tourism did not benefit the poor and the Native Hawaiians. Tourism was a new form of exploitation and that it was not an indigenous practice. Proposed rectifying actions included returning the lands held in fiduciary trust, 1.5 million acres held by the state back to the Native Hawaiians, an immediate ban on further resort development, and assistance to foster a community based economic alternative to global tourism. In 1993, the Hawai‘i
After the divorce, she moved to Baja, California with her Stepmother. She went into first, second, and third grade in a country, where she did not know the language. She was 10, so she was starting to develop. She had a male teacher, who touched her, and the kids said she was the teacher’s pet, because she was developing. At 13, she moved back to California. The man that she trusted was her Father and he would enter her room. She had Stepbrothers, who said, “If you do not let me into your room, I will tell all of your friends.” At age 15, she left home. A lot of times when we see young woman out on the streets, trying to survive, we did not understand that there were reasons they were out there. It was not only because they were being disobedient children, sometimes they had nowhere else to go. At 16, she had her first child. At 17, she had the next one. At 21, she married a man that was beating her all the time. She thought she was grown enough to leave home, so she was grown enough to start drinking. She started drinking. There was a plan she learned of in Palmdale where if you wanted a home, you had to have 4 children. She still had not found God, so she went out and partied. She had another child, but did not have a home. One morning, she woke up saying, “Where is this God?” They said God had a job for her to do. At age 21, she worked the swing shift and took care of her 3 children. She decided she needed to find this God. After drinking 1/5 of vodka every day, she said, “God, if you are here, take this from me.” That was the last time she had a drink.

At 24, she had another child, no house, and still has not found God. At age 25, she moved to Simi Valley and went to the Brethren Church. She did grow up going to Catholic School, but she never knew that relationship of whom God was. She heard of a program at church where you could get a pony, if you brought a lot of people. She went to church and found God. When she found God, she did not understand why all of these things had happened to her throughout her life, but she found that peace, that comfort of being loved by God. She knew who Jesus was as she was finally walking with Him.

The good thing was when she had her first daughter, the grandfather who molested her, died the day before. She was glad that he would never be able to touch any of her children. She thought of when she lived in Baja, California with all men in the house and how that was tough. As a grown woman, she taught in a Spanish community. Because she spoke Spanish, she was able to teach the women to have skills and how to use those skills, so they could have an income. By now, she had her 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. She did not need to drink and she did not need to party, but she needed God and God became the sole provider of her life. In between all of this, she married a man who was a cocaine addict, who was her last Child’s Father, and who was diabetic and losing limbs. She said, “God, why was this happening? I waited.” God clearly said to her, “You stepped
ahead of me. I did not save him for you, I saved him for me.” God took him and she was devastated, because she thought if he came back 16 years later, it must have been for her, but that was not so.

Each stage of her life was awesome. All the bad things that happened did not mean anything, because that woman knew she was a proud Native American, a proud Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. That little girl was Julia Bogany, the speaker. Her story was received with applause.

Bishop Carcaño thanked our Sisters and our Brothers for this incredible sharing of stories with all us.

Bishop Carcaño shared there were two matters that we needed to address this morning by Rules and necessity: the Consent Calendar and the Health Care Report, because the resource persons were only available in the morning.

**Consent Calendar (11:36 am):** Legislative Chair, Rev. Bob Rhodes was invited forward by Bishop Carcaño. He reminded the body the Consent Calendar was presented yesterday. It was projected on the screen, posted around campus, available on the website, and even e-mailed to some of you this morning. If something was listed as For Concurrence, it meant that 80% of those in its Legislative Section voted to support that motion. If it was listed for Non-Concurrence, and there was only 1 item listed under For Non-Concurrence, it meant that 80% of those persons in its Legislative Section voted against that item. Some of the items included General Conference Petitions, which we talked about yesterday. They were the entirety of the Annual Conference voting to send those on to General Conference.

Rev. Rhodes moved to accept the Consent Calendar. Bishop Carcaño opened up the Conference floor for any questions. **<Conference Secretary’s Addition: Consent Calendar was included at the end of this UM Daily>**

RESOLUTION 15-7 General Conference Petition: Human Sexuality - Amend ¶161F & 310.2(d):

Wes Hensley, Lay Member from Ridgecrest UMC moved to remove Resolution 15-7 GC Petition: Human Sexuality – Amend ¶161F & 310.2(d) from the Consent Calendar. Bishop Carcaño reminded us we needed at least 50 votes to do that and that was non-debatable. She called for a vote and asked those who were in support of removing Resolution 15-7 from the Consent Calendar to rise. She asked the Parliamentarian to help count those standing. **The motion was not supported.**

RECOMMENDATION 15-11 Election of Wesley Foundation Local Boards:

Rev. Kathey Wilborn, West District Superintendent moved to remove Recommendation 15-11 Election of Wesley Foundation Local Boards (Editorial Corrections) from the Consent Calendar. Bishop Carcaño called for a vote and asked those in support of removing Recommendation 15-11 from the Consent Calendar to rise. She asked the Parliamentarian to help count those standing. **The motion was not supported.**

**Point of Personal Privilege:** Rev. Cynthia Abrams, Extension Ministry, General Board of Church and Society, shared difficulty, as a Native American Clergywoman, in the transition from the stories we just heard to the Consent Calendar without prayer. We transitioned very abruptly and asked the body to pause, offer a prayer for the stories and hearts shared. Bishop Carcaño thanked Rev. Abrams for that spiritual sensitivity and asked Hawai’i District Superintendent Rev. Tom Choi to offer a prayer.

Bishop Carcaño asked the Conference if there was other action. There was none. Bishop Carcaño called for a vote to support the Consent Calendar. **The Consent Calendar was supported.**
**Board of Pension and Health Benefits (11:42 am):** Rev. Ken McMillan invited the Retiring Clergy Members to stand. They represented 506 ¾ years of service and we applauded their work. The Board’s full report for the year was found in the Preliminary Reports beginning on Page 99. Rev. McMillan stated that the body just passed Recommendation 15-14, the Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan on the Consent Calendar. This detailed how we funded all the ministries entrusted to this board to perform on behalf of the Annual Conference. It included how they funded all their pension programs, our health benefit programs, our program for incapacity leaves, and benefit programs for their lay employees.

One of the Board’s major tasks this past year had been to address the issue of Retiree Health. They reported a year ago at Annual Conference that they would bring a Recommendation that we would move the way we addressed Retiree Health to begin to provide health reimbursement accounts. They spent the year trying to say what that program was about. What we did currently and presently was unsustainable. We must make some kind of change. Some retirees felt neglected and were angry by what we were doing. If we did not make some type of change, we would be faced with dire alternatives (i.e. drastically increasing premium costs, drastically reducing the current benefits, or not covering clergy spouses, or asking the Annual Conference for substantial increasing financing, etc.). They did not think any of those were viable, so the Board proposed another alternative. Yesterday, they answered questions.

Rev. McMillan introduced Gary Ward, our Conference Medical Health Care Consultant for several years. He served on the Board of Pension and Health Benefits and then after he termed out, he became our consultant. He was a member of Santa Clarita UMC. He recently retired from Mercer and moved to Medford, Oregon, but indicated he would continue to serve as our Health Care Consultant.

Gary Ward said the presentation provided yesterday afternoon focused on what was One Exchange, how it worked, how our retirees would navigate through it, the assistance which would be provided, and the number of choices of plans that would be available to Retirees. Currently, if you lived in the area, you had 2 choices. If you lived outside of California, you did not have any choice, as there was only 1 plan. He thought it would be helpful to explain, why after the last 3 years of analysis and deliberation, the Board was recommending to you, the adoption of the One Exchange Program?

Group insurance, which was what we provided our benefits through, had savings, which came from two areas. Those savings were greater, the large the group being covered. The first area of savings came from a reduction in large claim experience. When you had a group of 1000 employees or 1000 covered lives, with an average age where the actuarial expectation that there would be 10 large claims per year, at the end of 10 years, the likely aggregate total large claims would be 120. However, in any single one of those 10 years, it was unlikely that the number of large claims would be 12. It might be 15, or there might be a year with 5 claims, or another year with 22. As a result, the claims costs spiked up and down. The result of that claim fluctuation was that the underwriter, who was only setting rates for 12 months at a time, needed to cover or provide rates to covered the high of that spike. As a result, they added a significant level of margin into the premium rates. Fast forward to a group of 10,000, same age, so the expectation was there would be 120 large claims per year. At the end of those 10 years, there would also be number of large claims close to 1200. The difference was when you had a large group, with statistical credibility, the claims fluctuations were dampened. Each year, instead of a large spike, you would have a rolling kind of volatility compared to the spike volatility, such that the underwriter could price the cost of the benefits much closer to the mean of 120 expected per year. With a larger group, the volatility almost got flat, very close to the actuarial expectation.

Our current plan through United Health Care for our Retirees had a total number of 430 participants. The One Exchange Program, as the oldest and largest program, currently covered 4 million people, including 19 Conferences of our Denomination. The result of this large number of people covered under their plan, allowed One Exchange to negotiate in the marketplace, such that the ability of One Exchange was to provide the same level of benefits at cost discounts in the range of 20-25%.
It was that cost differential and the ability to provide the same level of benefits, depending on the choice of the individual, at a much lower cost, certainly a much lower cost than we could do as a group of 430 people. We had no leverage in the marketplace.

The second area of savings in group insurance came from the ability to take the administrative costs and spread that fixed costs over a larger number of people. These were the 2 biggest reasons to get 20-25% discounts under One Exchange. So simply, One Exchange provided us leverage in the marketplace, which we could not get on our own. We tried. The Insurance Industry looked at us, not as an A-Plus group. Thankfully, United Healthcare stood by us and though expensive, was willing to provide us coverage.

Yesterday, there were a couple of questions about the target maximum of $2,800. The $2,800 was less than what we currently paid to our Retirees. With a 20-25% discount available in the marketplace as well as the ability of each individual to make their own choice regarding carrier and plan of benefits, their analysis indicated that the cost to the participants would be approximately the same. There would be some winners and a few losers, but they had some methods of reconciling that. In doing their due diligence with the other 19 Conferences that were in One Exchange, that the maximum cap that the other Conferences provided to their members, was in the $2,000 to $2,200 range. Barbara Timms shared yesterday that with all the 4 million people that participated through their employees, many included Fortune 100 and well capitalized Fortune 500 plans, that our $2,800 maximum was well positioned against that and we were in the top tier. Our due diligence put us in a very favorable place to take advantage of the discounts that One Exchange could provide in the rates.

Rev. McMillan thanked Gary Ward and shared how the Board and their staff had been working very carefully and diligently to deal with Retiree Health Care. The decisions they were asked to make were not easy ones, but necessary ones.

Recommen[0.11,0.69,0.89,0.84]dation 15-13 Retiree Health Care Plan: Rev. Ken McMillan moved Recommendation 15-13: Retiree Health Care Plan. Bishop Carcaño opened the floor for questions and discussion. Seeing no hands, Bishop Carcaño called for a vote. The motion for Recommendation 15-13: Retiree Health Care Plan was supported.

Rules Change 15-8 Revision of Conference Health Insurance Policy: Rev. McMillan said Rules Change 15-8 was found in the Preliminary Report beginning on Page 177. This Rules Change contained all of the Health Care Policies of the Annual Conference. Most of the rules remained exactly the same as in previous years, but all the sections regarding Retiree Health had to be completely rewritten to reflect the action we had just taken from Recommendation 15-13: Retiree Health Care Plan being supported.

Rev. McMillan moved Rules Change 15-8: Revision of Conference Health Insurance Policy. Bishop Carcaño asked if there were any questions, seeing none, Bishop Carcaño called for a vote. Rules Change 15-8 Revision of Conference Health Insurance Policy was supported.

Rev. McMillan thanked Bishop Carcaño, on behalf of the Board, for her encouragement, participation, support, and engagement with and on behalf of this Annual Conference. He expressed his appreciation to the members of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits for working long and hard on behalf of our Annual Conference. He thanked Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth, who served on the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits and was a valuable resource. He introduced and thanked their guest, Dan O’Neil, former Treasurer of the Rocky Mountain Conference and currently serving as the Director of the Central Conferences Pension Program of the UMC. Last year, Rev. McMillan shared that program set out to raise 25 million dollars to provide pensions for United Methodist Clergy all across the world. The investment on the money received had now provided over 30 million dollars.
Every Annual Conference in our United Methodist Church, all across the world, now had a pension program for its clergy.

Rev. McMillan shared thanks to Jan Hanson, Conference Director of Human Resources and her staff, who worked to care for the clergy. They did not view their jobs as jobs, but as a ministry. Rev. McMillan announced that he was retiring as Chair and introduced Randy Johnson as the new Chair of the Board. He introduced Rev. Randy Johnson as the new Chair. There was an ovation for Rev. McMillan. Rev. Johnson shared praises for Rev. McMillan and acknowledged his hard work and for being gifted as a leader. Rev. McMillan was leaving the Board in such a courageous, gentle, caring, and profound way, and his mark upon our work in our Conference would endure for many, many years. They were going to give him a plaque, but he did not want a plaque. The Board made a donation in his name to Imagine No Malaria. Additionally, with deep appreciation for Rev. McMillan’s many years of service, and in honor of his commitment to his care and well being of Retired Clergy and their spouses, a fund of $30,000 had been established in his name. This fund would provide financial assistance to Retirees in time of need. It was named “The McMillan Retirement Assistance Fund.”

**Closing Prayer (12:06 pm):** Bishop Carcaño asked East District Superintendent, Rev. Jan Wiley to pray and then closed Plenary Session #5 at 12:07 p.m.

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**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

**Plenary Session #6**

**2:00 PM**

**Gathering Songs (1:59 p.m.):** We opened in song: “To God Be the Glory” and “How Great Thou Art.” Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño thanked Rev. Greg Norton for leading us in song.

**Call to Order (2:03 pm):** Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño called Plenary Session #6 of the 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference to order at 2:03 p.m.

**Orders of the Day (2:04 pm):** Rev. Melinda Dodge was invited by Bishop Carcaño to present the Orders of the Day. **The motion was voted on and supported.**

Bishop Carcaño recognized the presence of John Camphouse, Lay Man of the Year at the table.

**Announcements (2:06 pm):** Conference Secretary Leanne Nakanishi reminded us there was not a check out time for campus lodging, and therefore no reason to leave Plenary Session early.

**Courtesies (2:07 pm):** Rev. Lee Carlile introduced Ted Ramirez from the United Methodist Credit Union, who explained the function and benefits of this Credit Union. They had been in service for 69 years. They had a network of 30,000 ATM’s. They signed an agreement with the United States Small Business Administration and the UMFCU was now a SBA Lender.

**Connectional Moments (2:08 pm):** Rev. Carlile introduced Rev. Steve Sprecher, Vice Chair of the Local Host Team in Portland, Oregon. He presented a video asking for volunteers to serve at the General Conference 2016. This was a Jurisdictional Hosting Event. In 2012, when the Florida Conference hosted, they had 350,000 members in their Conference and we had less than 350,000 in our Jurisdiction. We wanted people to experience radical inclusiveness and show them what extravagant generous hospitality looked like.

A video was shown from St. Paul School of Theology and United Theological Seminary. Please view on our archived online Plenary Session #6 video to view these videos.
Rosie Rios, Young Adult Member greeted the congregation and explained that the Conference Youth Ministries Council and Young Adult Ministries Council annually recognized a Youth Worker of the Year that had inspired and led the young people of this Conference. This year’s recipient was Rev. Allison Mark, who was the new head of the Young Clergy Initiative.

**Imagine No Malaria Moment (2:18 pm):** An Imagine No Malaria video was presented, highlighting the work of First UMC in Chula Vista in support of the mission. Another Imagine No Malaria video was presented highlighting Los Altos UMC and their Lemon Face Challenge. Los Altos UMC had raised over $2,000 through their Lemon Face Challenge. Go to [www.buzzkills.net/stories](http://www.buzzkills.net/stories) for more Imagine No Malaria church efforts.

Bishop Carcaño extended her gratefulness to these 2 churches as well as to all of us for our hard work for Imagine No Malaria. She was also grateful for all these Connectional Expressions, which were all signs of the strength of our Connectional Church and she gave thanks to God.

She emphasized how important it was to be praying and thinking about going to General Conference. She reminded us that Judy Lewis was helping to coordinate our team to go and volunteer. If you had a question and a need, please let us know. We wanted you to be a part of General Conference 2016.

**Action on 2016 Budget (2:23 pm):** Dan Griffin, Chair, Council on Financial Resources and Archana Carey, Executive Director of Finance and Facilities/Treasurer came forward to present the 2016 Budget. Dan Griffin asked Rev. Steve Hundley to come forward with the youth representatives to share the results of their Christian Conferencing. Bishop Carcaño and Rev. Hundley met last night with the young persons from our Young People’s Ministries. This morning, Rev. Hundley met with Rev. John Shaver, Chair of the Leadership Essential Ministry Team (“LEMT”), Rev. Allison Mark, and the Young Adult and Youth Ministry Council (“CCYA” and “CCYM”) Presidents. They all agreed to share the following: The detailed budget received from the Manager of Young People’s Ministry, which they had on file, had a program amount listed of $34,700 for 2016. They expected the budget for the new associate director position to be $95,000. This would have about $35,000 left over for these program budget expenses. The LEMT Chair, the CCYM and CCYA Presidents agreed to have a joint meeting soon with other groups to do the relationship building needed to do this shared ministry.

Dan Griffin reminded that he and Archana Carey presented the proposed 2016 Budget yesterday. He moved Recommendation 15-10: Proposed 2016 Budget, including the proposed 2016 Quotas and Special Offerings.

A Layman Member of the Conference came to the microphone with a comment. He said last year, we were presented with a budget that promised no change in apportionments, yet apportionments for this year went up by $6,000. He did not know how much was based on different rules that we had last year, but that was function of basically 127% of what the budget was supposed to be, in order to cover for those churches that were not able to pay. So in effect, you were punishing churches that were “good” and diligent of churches who were paying 100% for years, and were able to pay their apportionments. The same budget, in a time of declining church attendance would put an even larger burden on Local Churches.

Dan Griffin affirmed that when there were Discontinuances of Churches, the apportionments were being spread over the total apportionment budget. He also said that new plantings of churches also changed that percentage to cover those losses. He encouraged more diligence on the filling out of the tables. Archana Carey shared that the apportionment was based on the table data, so if data was incorrect on the tables, the apportionment was affected by the incorrect data throughout the connection. Conference Staff called and e-mailed Local Churches, who were delinquent in submitting their table data. Until December 19th, our table date was not submitted to the GCFA and our apportionment letter had not gone out. Dan Griffin said every Local Church was affected by negligence in not filing out the tables on time and incorrectly.
Jim Monk, Lay Member, Kona UMC, said that the bottom line of the Budget where it said, “Total Budget Without Gap,” $9,767,904 was the amount actually spent in 2014. The expected real expenditures for this Conference for 2016 were $11,451,132, which was an increase of almost 19%. He asked, “How many Churches in this Conference had seen their budget go up 19%?” What was most disturbing to him was that the total budget without gap compared to the total proposed 2016 apportionment budget of $12,819,105 assumed that the apportionment payment would go up to 89% for 2016; however, the 2014 actual apportionment paying was 82%. The actual total budget without gap has a serious potential for being overstated. Dan Griffin understood his numbers and concerns. Dan Griffin expressed that for the last 3 years, income had been greater than expenditures. The Conference Leadership, CFA, the Essential Ministry Teams, Cabinet, and staff monitored the income and expenditures on a monthly and quarterly basis. The other part was that when this year’s proposed budget had already been predicated on the last three years, when the Conference was coming out of fiscal instability that some felt we had, they decided to stagger staffing. They made deliberate careful decisions about how to how to bring staff on. When he talked about having an excess of funds for the past three years, they knew they would have an excess of funds. Now the Conference was almost fully staffed. This year, the Conference would continue to look closely at income and expenses to make sure everything was balanced.

Anne Hawthorne, Lay Member, Ocean Park UMC expressed that she came from the nonprofit world where their budget reflected the values. Everyone here loved, supported, and valued youth and young people and hoped that in our budget and future conversations, we would think about those values. After the discussion ended, Bishop Carcaño called for a vote. The motion for Recommendation 15-10 Proposed 2016 Budget, Quotas, and Special Offerings was supported.

**Conference Chancellor:** Bishop Carcaño said yesterday we recognized Steve Harbison’s almost 30 years of service as Conference Chancellor. He was Chancellor during some very difficult times in the life of this Annual Conference and even then, he chose to continue out of his great love for this Conference and for the ministry of the United Methodist Church. We were grateful today and would be grateful for days and years to come. When he shared his intent to retire, it was difficult to find the right person to step into those great big shoes and great big heart of his. God has discerned a person for us, and By Discipline, Bishop Carcaño nominated Lori Meaders for Chancellor for this Annual Conference. Lori Meaders was a member of First UMC in Pasadena. She had served on the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits for over 10 years. She was a senior attorney for Southern California Edison, Edison International, and Edison Subsidiaries, responsible for employee benefits matters. She has practiced in the employee benefits field for nearly 35 years. Prior to Edison, she was senior counsel at the Walt Disney Company, practiced benefit law at other firms, and was a consultant at international consulting firms. She was a member of the Association of Corporate Counsel, and the Native American Bar Association. Lori Meaders was the Vice Chair for the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits and as Chair of the Board of Trustees for Pasadena First UMC. Bishop Carcaño called for the vote and the nomination for Lori Meaders as the Conference Chancellor was supported.

Steve Harbison presented Lori Meaders with a hat from the Conference Chancellors Association. Lori Meaders thanked Bishop Carcaño and looked forward to this new experience in serving our Conference and our Lord in this work capacity. She also thanked Bishop Carcaño for the theme of Annual Conference as she shared that she was a Muskogee Creek from Oklahoma who worked to bring awareness of Native American cultures. She was an advisor to the Native American Alliance at Edison, which provided a grant to the Indian Legal Foundation. Archana Carey thanked her staff, CFA, Dan Griffin, Bishop Carcaño, and others. Bishop Carcaño expressed gratitude for Archana, Dan, and all their staff.

**Nominations Committee Report #2 (2:43 pm):** Liz Roark, Chair of the Nominations Committee expressed hope that everyone had time to look over Nominations Committee Report. She had received over a dozen of corrections and thanked everyone for them. She took a moment to clarify that some names of potential Navigation EMT members were lifted up and voted on at the Pre-Conference
Briefings, but were no longer needed at this time because of the new Connectional Table. The names and information on these persons would be kept. The original document and the addendum showed some rule changes from Thursday. The final document would show all of the rules changes that would impact the Nominations Committee. She further stated that the document was a very fluid document with constant changes. The Conference floor was opened for a time of questions and answers.

Liz Roark moved that the slate of nominees on Pages 220-249 of the Preliminary Report and Addendum from yesterday be moved for election. Rev. Kathy Wilborn, West District Superintendent nominated Rev. Lui Tran for the Rules Committee. Bishop Carcaño asked if there was space on the Rules Committee. Liz Roark explained she could take the name, but work was still occurring. Bishop Carcaño said if there was space, the body could fill it. Liz Roark said there was no space on the Rules Committee. Rev. Wilborn said that the Nominations Report that was posted online and the Addendum showed an “at large” space. Liz Roark said the Committee had been filling that space even here today during her time at Annual Conference. Bishop Carcaño said we would look at the report and asked what page it was on. Bishop Carcaño said that this was the slate before us. When you brought it for election, this was the slate, and if there was space, this body was free to fill any vacancies. The proposed slate for the Rules Committee was listed on Page 236 of the Nominations Report.

Rev. Tom Griffith asked for a Point of Order. Rev. Griffith said there was great confusion in the Rules Committee and on his part, because one rule said there were 5 at large members and another one said the Nominations Committee named the Chairperson, but it did not say if that was in addition or was included in the 5 at large members, so there were conflicting rules.

Bishop said if there was confusion, we would take Rules out for the moment and ask Rev. Tom Griffith, as Chair as Systems Assessment/Rules Committee, the Chair of Nominations Committee, and Rev. Steve Hundley, our staff person to find a space and work through those issues and bring it back. We would address the possibility of any nominees at that point.

Bishop Carcaño said the Conference would put Rules Committee aside. Bishop Carcaño called for a vote to approve the Nominations Committee Report aside from the Rules Committee. The Nominations Committee Report was supported with the exception of the Rules Committee. Liz Roark thanked everyone who had agreed to be on committees and thanked everyone on the Nominations Committee as well as Bishop Carcaño.

**Point of Information:** Rev. Steve Hundley shared a Point of Information about the Episcopal Residence Committee and how it was functioning. Members included Dan Griffin as Chair of the Council on Finance and Administration, Rev. Paige Eaves from the Committee on Episcopacy, and Rev. Karen Tannheimer, as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

**Legislative Items Not on the Consent Calendar (2:50 pm):** Rev. Bob Rhodes was invited forward by Bishop Carcaño. Rev. Rhodes observed that the Legislative Sections had more involvement than in other years and they were well attended. Rev. Rhodes projected the order of the Items Not on the Consent Calendar. He explained the reasoning behind the ordering in which the Legislation would be voted on. The first item is a Rules Item. Generally, we handled the Rules items first, before the Resolutions. Resolution 15-8 would be next, because it passed its Legislative Section, but was amended. The others would be presented in the order they were received by the Conference Secretary’s office.

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**RULES 15-4 Policy Change: Amended Clergy Vacation Policy:** Rev. Rhodes moved Rules 15-4 regarding Clergy Vacation Policy, which was located on Page 176 in the Preliminary Legislation package.

Rev. John Farley, South District Superintendent said this was in his Legislative Section. Part of the reason it did not pass was because they found some discrepancies. He was in dialogue with Jan Hanson’s office and others aware with Judicial Council rulings. He had a motion to amend the Clergy...
Vacation Policy in order to ensure its alignment with State Labor laws and Judicial Council rulings. Their dialogue included a more accurate definition for calculating vacation days for less than full time appointments, to encourage clergy to take vacation, and at the same time, limit the accrual cost to Local Churches.

Rev. Rhodes clarified he was moving the original Rules 15-4. Rev. Farley was moving an amendment to the original Rules 15-4

Rev. Rhodes read the 4 proposed amendments

(1) ADDITION on Page 176, Line 9: Add the words “at least” after “shall be allowed”
(2) ADDITION on Page 176, Line 12: Add the following line after the words “no more than four of which are Sundays.” “Vacation Days for clergy appointed less than full time shall be prorated based on the percentage of their appointment. Accrued…”
(3) ADDITION on Page 176, Line 15; Add “accrued” after the words “any unused.”
(4) DELETION on Page 176, Delete Lines 17 through 20.

The full, amended proposed rule would read:

Each clergy under fulltime appointment to a local church shall be allowed at least four weeks per appointment year for vacation, not counting continuing education, Renewal Leave, Annual Conference, or other connectional responsibilities. Etc. A vacation week shall be considered seven days. Paid vacation days shall be a total of 28 per year, no more than four of which are Sundays. Vacation days for clergy appointed less than full time shall be prorated based on the percentage of their appointment. Accrued vacation days shall be capped at four weeks and no more days may be accrued beyond the cap. For the spiritual and physical wellbeing of the clergy it is encouraged that the four weeks of vacation be taken each appointment year. In the event of a change of appointment, any unused accrued vacation days due the clergy are the responsibility of the current appointment.

Clergy appointed to a local church at less than fulltime shall have vacation prorated on the following schedule: those appointed at 75% shall be allowed three weeks paid vacation per appointment year; 50% shall be allowed two weeks; 25% shall be allowed one week.

Rev. Farley moved the amendment to the original Rules 15-4.

Jim Monk, Lay Member from Kona UMC was in that Legislative Section. He thought there was a second paragraph that talked about the amount of vacation time for each of the three levels of part time appointment. He did not see that listed. Was that still part of this motion? Rev. John Farley said the final bullet of amendments (# 4) was the deletion of that paragraph.

Bishop Carcaño called for a vote on the Amendment to Rules 15-4. The Motion to amend Rules 15-4 was supported. The amended motion now became the main motion. Rev. Rhodes moved Rules 15-4 as amended.

Rev. Erin McPhee of Pioneer Memorial UMC in Independence began by saying she was against, but wanted to make an amendment.

Bishop Carcaño reminded all in attendance that voting on the amendment must come first.

Rev. Erin McPhee moved to change the word “shall” in the prorated section to “may,” on the 6th line on the screen slide beginning with, “Vacation days for clergy appointed appointed less than full time SHALL be prorated based on the percentage of their appointment.” <Conference Secretary’s Note: This was the verbiage from the second amendment bullet point, just passed in Rev. John Farley’s motion>. Motion was seconded. Rev. McPhee said she had served both as Full and Part Time clergy, and also served on Orders. Her concern was about self-care for our clergy. She mentioned that whether working full or part time, everyone needed self-care, spiritual care especially, which included vacation as a part of that. To require less than Full Time clergy to not take sufficient vacation time,
would be detrimental to ministry as a whole. A week was still a week, regardless of how many hours you spent working in that week. So, hopefully local churches could provide that. If it was a financial issue, perhaps they could work with their clergy to figure that out. She preferred the Annual Conference would not require a lack of self-care for less than Full Time Clergy.

Rev. John Farley invited Jan Hanson from Conference Human Resources to explain. For the sentence beginning, "Vacation days for clergy appointed less than full time shall be prorated based on the percentage of their appointment," Jan Hanson said the clarifying idea, and perhaps the language could be changed, it was "vacation PAY for clergy appointed less than full time," simply meaning that it was not intended to affect the days taken, it was the amount of pay received. The amount of pay was based on the level of appointment. So a 75% pastor would receive pay according to the minimum salary tables that was 75% of the tables, so their salaries were already pro-rated. The intention was not to prorate the days off, but the amount paid for the time.

Rev. McPhee asked a question: Was there clergy, who received pay for vacation? Jan Hanson said vacation was pay for time off. It was a salary replacement or a form of compensation to compensate a person who was not working, but still being paid. It was not additional pay, but a replacement of salary that would have been paid had the person worked. Rev. McPhee was still confused. A week was still a week regardless of how many hours you worked. If she took 4 weeks off of Half Time work, that was still equal to a full time person taking off 4 weeks of Full Time work. Her concern was that a congregation would take this as justification for saying that a Half Time pastor was only allowed to have 2 weeks of vacation per year.

Jan Hanson said it might be possible to phrase it in such a way, so that the pay would be equivalent to one week’s work, or perhaps even being divided into days. The pay would be equivalent for one day’s work, so it could be recognizing what the salary was for that period of time and simply saying, the person would be paid that same salary in vacation.

Rev. Lynn Reece from United UMC in Redlands spoke in favor of the McPhee amendment. Prior to this appointment, she was a ¾-time appointment; 2-charge, and the only thing part time about a part-time appointment was the pay, especially when you have a multiple charge. Bishop Carcaño reminded the body there was to be no applause during this holy discussion.

The amount of time a Part Time pastor was putting in could be and was often as much or more as a Full Time appointment. The amount of time given for renewal time in terms of vacation should not be limited to their time of appointment. If we were giving 4 weeks to anyone, we should give 4 weeks to the other, should the church choose it.

Rev. Tom Zeigert from Twentynine Palms and Community UMC in Joshua Tree said the confusion he had was in the language. If you have 2 Half Time appointments, then no church should be paying for 4 weeks for a full-time pastor. Each church should only be paying for 2 week’s vacation. The amendment to change to “may” was not the overriding need and the language was wrong in the first place and should be struck out.

Jan Hanson responded by saying the basic premise was that clergy were paid on a monthly basis and they received a certain salary per month. If they took that month in vacation, whether they were appointed 75%, 50% or whatever their appointment level was, they received an equivalent of that month’s salary. There would be no affect on the amount of time taken. It would be 4 weeks and the pay would be exactly the same had the pastor worked for those 4 weeks, based on their appointment equivalent.

Rev. Farley added that based on a Judicial Council ruling that you could not limit the compensation on a pastor, so at the beginning, it said “at least.” The Local Church could grant more time off, but there must be a minimum.
Rev. Paula Ferris from San Luis Rey UMC in Oceanside said there was confusion about part-time. Between the State and Federal government law, there was a considerable amount of confusion. She asked if that could be dealt with in Jan Hanson’s office and written out in a clear concise manner. She asked if we could move ahead by taking this confusing piece out. Bishop Carcaño asked how that would affect the proposed rule in front of us.

Rev. John Farley responded by saying they were trying to put language that was most accurate and their labor attorney agreed. He thought it was better to ensure churches to pay for time off rather than may, where they might not pay for time off.

MOTION TO TABLE: Rev. Richard Bentley from Brea UMC moved to table Rules 15-4 for one hour, so all concerned might try to reach a consensus off the floor. The motion to table Rules 15-4 for one hour was seconded and supported.

RESOLUTION 15-8: GC Petition Use of Church Funds - Amend ¶613.19 & 806.9:

Rev. Rhodes presented Resolution 15-8 General Conference Petition Use of Church Funds – Amend ¶613.19 & 806.9 located on Page 218 in the Preliminary Legislation Report. In Legislative Section # 5 it was amended as follows:

(1) ADDITION on Page 218, Line 40: “WHEREAS, it is recognized that there was division within Cal-Pac on this issue.”

(2) ADDITION on Page 218, Line 28: “WHEREAS, it is recognized that there was division within Cal-Pac on this issue.”

This Resolution received 88% concurrence as amended in the Legislative Section. Rev. Rhodes moved Resolution 15-8 as amended.

Rev. Eric Schmidt, Rancho Cucamonga UMC said there was a second amendment passed before this one to strike the last line on Page 219. On Page 219, Lines 38-39 were inconsistent with the “Therefore” sections in 1.A. and 1.B in regards to HIV funding (Page 219, Lines 6-8).

Rev. Rhodes did see that on the document he received from the Legislative Section, but there was no record of a vote on that particular amendment. Rev. Schmidt said this legislation was also from Rev. John Farley’s section.

Rev. Rhodes stated our Parliamentarian said we would present the 2 additions, which was presented earlier on the slide and which was handed into the Legislation Chair on the Legislation Sheet. The body could amend it later.

Emily Redenbach, Lay Member from Hollywood UMC said the amendment, which was passed was the one with the deleted line and not the one with the additions of “Whereas it is recognized that there is division within Cal-Pac on this issue.” Bishop Carcaño recommended we set this aside until we could have some clarification.

RESOLUTION 15-3 General Conference Petition: Amend ¶722 to Close Committee on Nominations Meetings

Rev. Rhodes presented and moved Resolution 15-3 General Conference Petition: Amend ¶722 to Close Committee on Nominations Meetings located on Page 207-208 of the Preliminary Legislation Report, which received no recommendation in its Legislative Section.

Bishop Carcaño opened the floor for discussion, hearing none, she called for the vote. Resolution 15-3 GC Petition to Amend ¶722 to Close Committee on Nominations Meetings was supported as presented.
RESOLUTION 15-4 General Conference Petition: Investment Screen for Petroleum, Coal, or Natural Gas Resolution # 4071

Rev. Rhodes presented and moved Resolution 15-4 GC Petition: Investment Screen for Petroleum, Coal, or Natural Gas Resolution # 4071 located on Page 209-210 of the Preliminary Legislation Report, which received no recommendation in its Legislative Section.

Rev. Greg Batson, President and CEO of the Cal-Pac Foundation spoke against this Resolution and the two, which followed. They respected and agreed with the ends trying to be met in terms of climate change. On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, they were impacted by this Resolution, if General Conference approved, because they followed the socially responsible investment guidelines. They preferred a means of being shareholders and advocates rather than divestment. The 10% rule was overly broad in terms of the entire energy sector. It did not differentiate between those companies making efforts to be greener and those who did not.

Rev. Rich Bolin, Los Osos Trinity UMC, soon to be Retired Member of this body and expecting his first pension check spoke in favor. He appreciated all the ways the General Board of Pension did its work effectively and sought to be socially responsible. This was a grassroots movement, which said that shareholder advocacy was not enough. They needed to get attention of the way the world was doing business, so they were not simply taking fossil fuels out of the ground and burning them up without regards to what was happening to our planet. United Church of Christ, other religious bodies, and universities were involved. Dr. Jeffrey Kuan spoke effectively at its Legislative Section, which had strong support, but not 80%. Dr. Kuan spoke about our own Claremont School of Theology moving in this direction. This was not a simple process, but needed to be debated effectively at General Conference. We needed to ask our General Board of Pension to be stronger advocates by working towards divestment.

Susan Stouffer, Lay Member from United University Church in Los Angeles spoke in favor of the 3 Resolutions. She said the past few days with Dr. Tinker had been amazing days of worship. He talked about our relatives and the living planet, which we occupied. It seemed so clear that these Resolutions needed to pass, just so we could have the discussion at General Conference. We were not even mandating something to happen, other than conversation at General Conference. We needed to talk about the future of our planet, children, and precious resources. This was even more precious than if we lost some tiny bit of income or gain. Statistics from the Legislative Section indicated this was pretty much a wash when people did this kind of divestment of fossil fuels. Please let this move to a conversation at General Conference.

Hazel Hensley Lay Member from Ridgecrest UMC spoke against all 3 Resolutions. We did need to consider our families and our earth. While you think that it was wise to not use the fossil fuels, you had to also think about the impact to our world and the lands by using these green energies. When you looked at the impact of raising corn, it destroyed, and was bad for the soil. Wind power, which was thought to be wonderful, emitted noise from large turbines, which was devastating to people. This caused a lot of depression type feelings. While we did need to have this as a discussion, we must look at everything. The resolutions were incomplete.

EvelynMae Nikolaus, Lay Member from Pioneer Memorial UMC in Independence spoke against this Resolution. She had some of the same concerns of those in Ridgecrest. While she could be in favor of abandoning fossil fuels, she would like to see people consider other locations for the alternative, in which many cases were the solar panels. She thought they could be installed on the big blank roofs of Los Angeles buildings and on their parking lots. There would be more power generated in those locations and more shady parking spots. This would save the pristine deserts, where this was the only place left to sell was their scenery. Bishop Carcaño asked was she for or against, because she had a question paddle held up? EvelynMae Nikolaus said she was in favor, but would like to see greater interest in how the alternatives to using fossil fuels took place. The biggest alternative was solar panel
and wind panels, which was badly affecting their lives. Bishop Carcaño said she would consider EvelynMae Nikolaus’ position to be against this Resolution.

Hope Hutchison, Lay Member from Alhambra First UMC spoke in favor of the Resolution, but also in response to the last two. She reminded the body that this was a petition to General Conference, so by petitioning them, we were asking the General Conference to have a conversation about what EvelynMae just brought up. This was not for us to have a conversation about it here. It was for us to ask the General Conference to have this discussion. Hope Hutchison worked as an organic farmer and was well aware of the impact that corn and soy and those alternative fuels had on the land. The growth of those required a huge input of fossil fuels in both fertilizer and pesticides that they required to grow. So, by divesting from fossil fuels, we would be divesting from these specific alternative fuel sources, because they would not be profitable without fossil fuel inputs.

Bishop Carcaño said the actions we were taking on these Resolutions would send these Resolutions to General Conference, if they were approved. We hoped they would continue these conversations; however, if they passed, you were requesting very specific changes be made to The Book of Discipline. It was not without an opinion that these Resolutions went to General Conference.

Joseph Osborn, Lay Member from Faith UMC in Los Angeles spoke against the Resolution. Philosophically, he was in agreement with the 3 proposals, but as a practical matter, if one held onto one portion of investment stock, it was your way to attend the annual meetings and present your proposals to these organizations and to the oil companies, and push them further towards the greening the earth. If you completely divested, all you had was people outside protesting. Should you retain at least 1%, you could attend the stockholder meetings and try to change the mindset of the people from the inside. It happened at Walmart. People with 1% of stock had been able to present their case for Walmart making necessary changes for the betterment of the employees. While he philosophically was in agreement, it should be amended to hold onto at least 1% of stock, so that we could then organize and present these issues to the companies at hand.

Bishop Carcaño called for the vote. **Resolution 15-4 General Conference Petition: Investment Screen for Petroleum, Coal, or Natural Gas Resolution # 4071 was supported as presented.**

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**RESOLUTION 15-5 General Conference Petition: Create Petroleum and Natural Gas Investment Screens**

Rev. Rhodes presented and moved Resolution 15-5 General Conference Petition: Create Petroleum and Natural Gas Investment Screens located on Pages 211-212 of the Preliminary Legislation Report. Resolution 15-5 received a vote of 74% in its Legislation Section, so it came with no recommendation.

Bishop Carcaño opened the floor for discussion, heard none, she called for the vote. **Resolution 15-5 General Conference Petition: Petroleum and Natural Gas Investment Screens was supported as presented at 3:28 p.m.**

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**RESOLUTION 15-6 General Conference Petition: Avoid Investment in the Production of Petroleum, Coal, and Natural Gas The Book of Discipline ¶717**

Rev. Rhodes presented and moved Resolution 15-6 General Conference Petition: Avoid Investment in Production of Petroleum, Coal, and Natural Gas *The Book of Discipline* ¶ 717 located on Pages 213-
Bishop Carcaño opened the floor for discussion, heard none, she called for the vote. Resolution 15-6 received a vote of 73% in its Legislative Section, so it came with no recommendation.

General Conference Petition: Avoid Investment in the Production of Petroleum, Coal, and Natural Gas The Book of Discipline ¶717 was supported as presented at 3:29 p.m.

RESOLUTION 15-9 General Conference Petition: Ordained Clergy The Book of Discipline ¶304.3, 2702.1, and 310.2(d)

Rev. Rhodes presented and moved Resolution 15-9 General Conference Petition: Ordained Clergy The Book of Discipline ¶304.3, 2702.1, and 310.2(d) located on Pages 220-222 of the Preliminary Legislation Report. Resolution 15-9 received a vote of 75% in its Legislative Section, so it came with no recommendation.

Steve Burke, Lay Member from First UMC in Pasadena spoke in favor. He came to this church in 1994, because he loved his in-laws and they were Methodists. He found at First UMC, a sense of progressive values existed and this was important coming from a communist background. This Resolution 15-9 along with the next 2 showed how tentative our Conference is in moving forward within the LGBT community to allow clergy to perform marriages, and allowing clergy to be avowed homosexuals and for this conference to be a Reconciling Conference. He recommended a yes vote. We were behind the times. The youth at his church all voted unanimously to support their becoming a Reconciling Church. It was the youth, who we were turning over our church to. We were the present and they were the future. This was a non-issue with them and they did not understand why we were having this debate. He wanted to recommend our Conference to vote yes on all three of these issues.

Tina Crowe, Lay Member from Lancaster UMC moved to amend Resolution 15-9 to include a statement “Whereas this is a divisive issue within the California-Pacific Conference and not all are in agreement.”

Tina Crowe asked in which place would she like to add the amendment? Tina Crowe said she would add the line in place of the blank space on Line 39 on page 220.

Tina Crowe said last year a similar resolution hit the floor, there were a lot of hard feelings, a lot of anger, and disagreement. They were able to come together at a late night meeting with open hearts and open words. They came to the agreement that we might need to respectfully agree to disagree. We all agreed to respect each other voices and words. She was very disappointed to see all these resolutions act as if that meeting never happened. She would like to see all of us come together and show love and respect for each other, so the voices of everyone at this Conference are heard at General Conference in an effort to be fair to each other.

Rev. Frank Wulf of United UMC spoke in favor of the amendment. Rev. Wulf said for years and years in this UMC, those in favor of changing the church’s stance on sexual orientation and gender identity had been forced in the official documents in the church to be invisible. Part of what we did last year was to say we did not want to have that kind of invisibility. He did not believe adding a whereas would change the substance of the petition sent to the General Conference, so the petition sent to the GC would continue unchanged. Yet, he did not want to do the same thing to the people who disagreed with him, that people for years and years did to him. We need to show love and compassion and respect across disagreement. He had no problem with this addition of a “whereas” to this petition.

Conference Secretary Leanne Nakanishi reread the amendment. “Whereas this is a divisive issue within the California-Pacific Conference and not all are in agreement.”

Steve Burke, FUMC Pasadena spoke against the amendment. He was in respectful disagreement who those who wanted to add this amendment and those others, because he believed this was an issue that was personal for those whom we wanted to include in our church. The LGBT community had been
excluded specifically and these 3 resolutions would codify the fact that we were a welcoming and inviting church. He saw no reason to add this language to the current petition.

Rev. Karen Ristine from Mission Hills UMC joined Rev. Frank Wulf and her Lay Sister in supporting this amendment. She was part of the Holy Conferencing last year. While she would support the petition with either language, she agreed that all meant all.

Rev. Gilbert Stones from Lompoc First UMC spoke against the amendment. Since 1972, we had talked around this issue. He had never spoken on the floor of the Conference about this issue. He found himself fine with the second half, that we knew we were not in agreement, but to name the issue as divisive was to send it with a negative, before it even was heard.

Tina Crowe said this was a very divisive issue, because she came from the deep south from a conservative family with conservative friends. She tended to be socially accepting of gay marriage and same sex marriage, but from a religious standpoint, she found herself conflicted and did not think it belonged in the church. There were many like her. She and her family and friends had tried to be respectful, loving, and open on this stance; however, the more we silenced each other, the more it became war instead of trying to find a way to make peace.

Paula Theobald, Lay Member from San Luis Rey Valley UMC spoke against the amendment. She thought it made the amendment less powerful to put that language in it. We were trying to change the narrative of the discrimination that had been visited upon the LGBTQ community and we were trying to correct that. We just needed to change the narrative.

Karianne Farrell Hinds, Lay Member from Westwood UMC respectfully spoke against the amendment as stated. Her concern was because this was such a big change that we were requesting General Conference to make to The Book of Discipline, by sending this change for discussion at General Conference where we anticipated it to be a very heated debate and discussion, and by sending it with language like divisive in it, she thought it sent an ambiguous message to General Conference. If we were sending a message of support, that message of support should be unequivocal. If we could not send a strong unequivocal message of support to General Conference, it set us up for us to not be respected and for the Resolution to be not as credible, because it suggested that we were not even sure as a Conference, that we wanted the Resolution to be adopted, then why should the General Conference adopt it.

Bishop Carcaño said we had heard 4 statements against and 3 for the amendment.

Rev. Mary Elizabeth Moore, Claremont UMC and the Boston School of Theology moved an amendment to the amendment. Bishop Carcaño asked her to make it. “Whereas the members of the California-Pacific Annual Conference continue to disagree on matters of homosexuality, we believe that we can continue our conversations with respect, while practicing a more inclusive church.”

Bishop Carcaño agreed with our Parliamentarian that this was a Substitute Motion rather than an Amendment to the Amendment.

Rev. Moore thanked all of those who had spoken in favor of this amendment that had been proposed, including those who were enthusiastic about the amendment itself and those who spoke favorably, in order for us, ourselves, to be inclusive. She believed we could be inclusive without removing the possibility of putting our whole hearts behind the Resolution that we were sending forth to the General Conference. She believed we could disagree as we had done in this Annual Conference for 2 decades. We could talk respectfully and lovingly with one another and still practice more inclusivity. She believed the message we should send to General Conference was that witness.

Rev. Gary Barberee of Santa Maria Christ spoke in favor of the Substitute Motion. He had a real chicken skin moment when Rev. Kaleo Patterson led us in the E Hö Mai chant, which was used by the Protect Kaho‘olawe Ohana before people set foot on the island, which was authorized for that use. He
had many other chicken skin moments when Dr. Tinker shared the importance of telling stories that all of us needed to hear and share. Rev. Barbaree shared an English translation of that prayer, which we chanted. “Grant us the knowledge from above, the wise things that are concealed within the chants. Grant us, Grant us, Grant us.” The Purpose Statement used by the Protect Kaho’olawe Ohana, which composed the chant and authorized its use, was to be recited to allow the mind and consciousness to move from the mundane space to the sacred. This prayer was to be chanted for personal practice or before entering the ceremony, which he was authorized to lead us in that chant. In the spirit of the message from our presenters, it would be important for us to adopt this Substitute.

Cheryl Reagan, Lay Member from Wesley UMC in San Diego spoke in favor of the Substitute language. As Christians, we were obligated. Knowing God was a process, learning was a process, and understanding was a process. In order to understand things, we needed to be open about it and we needed to give ourselves time to learn about these things. It was not about being for or against. It was a matter of understanding and accepting people for who they were and where they were, and she applauded the new language.

Jim Doyle, First UMC in Pasadena spoke in favor of the Substitute language. As Christians, we were obligated. Knowing God was a process, learning was a process, and understanding was a process. In order to understand things, we needed to be open about it and we needed to give ourselves time to learn about these things. It was not about being for or against. It was a matter of understanding and accepting people for who they were and where they were, and he applauded the new language.

Rev. Kelvin Sauls of Holman UMC said we continued to be in recovery of racism, especially in light of what just took place and it was clear we would continue to be in recovery of heterosexism. The Substitute provided us the opportunity to continue to grow in our repentance of how it was that we continued to exclude and dehumanize.

Bishop Carcaño announced we had heard 4 statements in favor of the Substitute Amendment and asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak against the Substitute Amendment. Hearing none, she asked Conference Secretary Leanne Nakanishi to reread the Substitute Motion. The Substitute Motion for Resolution 15.9 was supported.

Bishop Carcaño said Resolution 15-9 as amended was before the body for a vote. Resolution 15-9 General Conference Petition: Ordained Clergy The Book of Discipline ¶304.3, 2702.1, and 310.2(d) was supported as amended.

RESOLUTION 15-10 General Conference Petition: Marriage: The Book of Discipline ¶161B, 341.6 and 162.J

Rev. Rhodes presented and moved Resolution 15-10 General Conference Petition: Marriage The Book of Discipline ¶161B, 341.6, and 162.J located on Pages 223-225 of the Preliminary Legislation Report. Resolution 15-10 received a vote of 69% in its Legislative Section, so it came with no recommendation.

Joseph Osborn, Lay Member from Faith UMC in Los Angeles spoke in favor of the Resolution. At the end of the day with the LGBTQ community, we were all human beings, all created by God equally, and in the words of Thomas Jefferson, had the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. If the LGBTQ community wished to be married under the United Methodist Church, it was their right, their God-given right, and no one could take that away from them.

Steve Burke, First UMC in Pasadena said as with the other two Resolutions, he was in favor. It was the right thing to do. It was inconceivable that we would welcome persons of the LGBTQ community, but not allowing them to marry in our church. We should be inclusive and what that meant was that all of the services of the church should be available to all who came to our church.

Tina Crowe, Lay Member from Lancaster UMC moved to make an amendment to add the same graceful wording that we used on Resolution 15-9 to be added to this Resolution at Line 38 in Section
Bishop Carcaño asked the body if they were ready to vote on incorporating that language in those distinct places and the body affirmed yes. The Motion to Amend Resolution 15-10 was supported.

Joseph Russ, Lay Member from El Segundo UMC spoke in favor of the Resolution. He understood with marriage, there was some anxiety of caring for the children. There was a recent study done by the University of Australia at Melbourne to determine the physical and mental health of children of same sex marriages. The mental health of children under same sex marriages was somewhat better than those under a heterosexual marriage. They also measured the perceived stigma against same sex couples, and in families with increased perceived stigma, the mental health of the children was decreased. If we truly cared about the mental health and well being of the children, we should be working to eliminate the stigma and not marriage. Our Methodist motto was, “Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors,” and he asked that we open them today.

Langi Lolohea, Lay Member from West Kauai UMC spoke against the Resolution. There was a lot of talk about the word, “right.” The question was, “Where was that right coming from? We as children of God, only had one right and that standard was the truth given to us by the Holy Scriptures. Homosexuality was congruent to Heterosexuality that was committing sin. There was no difference. He was not homophobic, but what was right, was right, and what was wrong, was wrong. Let us stand by the truth.

Krista McVey, Lay Member from Yucca Valley UMC asked, “Did the amendment include placing the statement in three different places? Bishop Carcaño responded with, “Yes.”

Bishop Carcaño asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak against Resolution 15-10. Hearing none, Bishop Carcaño called for the vote.

**Resolution 15-10 General Conference Petition: Marriage: The Book of Discipline ¶161B, 341.6 and 162.J was supported as amended.**

**RESOLUTION 15-11 Reconciling Annual Conference**

Rev. Rhodes presented and moved Resolution 15-11 Reconciling Annual Conference located on Page 226 of the Preliminary Legislation Report. The Legislative Section ran out of time, so this came with no recommendation or action.

Jason Takagi, Lay Member from San Luis Obispo UMC and member of the Justice and Compassion Essential Ministry Team spoke in favor of this Resolution. All of our ministries had intersection with LGBT issues, whether it was from youth homelessness, to immigration, or human trafficking. We had to address LGBT people throughout all of our ministries. For us to continue to not have a way to do that was wrong. By building a Task Force, allowed them to work with experts and with people who had
Steve Burke, First UMC in Pasadena spoke in favor. He was aware that with the issue of homosexuality in general, all of that meant was there would be continued discussion and a difference of opinion, but he would like to think that as a progressive church, we moved with the times in what we believed to be a moral and ethical direction. He was totally in favor of this proposal that we became a Reconciling Conference. It just made a difference in who we were and what we stood for and it was also part of our motto, “Open minds, Open hearts, Open doors.” That was the issue that would put pain and codify who we really were to that particular community.

Mark Stephenson, Jurisdictional Delegate Lay Member asked a question if there was a Judicial Council decision that we could not become a Reconciling Annual Conference. Rev. Rhodes was unaware. Rev. Tom Griffith said in the late 1990s or early 2000’s, there was a ruling made because of Reconciling Congregations. The Judicial Council ruled that was not in The Book of Discipline and nobody could be anything. Rev. Griffith said he would look it up. <Editor’s Note: Rev. Tom Griffith provided Judicial Council Decision # 847. Text was located at http://www.umc.org/decisions>

Bishop Carcaño said we could act upon it, would continue to research, could make a decision, and could come back with a response.

Bishop Carcaño said we had 2 statements in favor of this Resolution 15-11. She asked for anyone wishing to speak against it. Not seeing one, she called on Tori Nevens, Lay Member from Covina UMC, who spoke in favor. Tori Nevens heard the same things said over and over again. She appealed to the Conference as a young person. We kept saying that the young people were the future of this church. She and a lot of her friends did not look at anyone differently. They wanted to be inclusive of all people. They did not feel that we should be any more discrimination. As Dr. Tinker said, we were following a systematic narrative and we needed to reverse that. She was blessed to be raised by parents who taught her to love and accept all. She hoped everyone could find it in their hearts, because that we were here to do that because part of our motto was Open hearts.

Rev. Charlene Zull from the Wesley Foundation at the University of Hawaii spoke in favor. She said her dear young Sister said what she was going to say, but she would affirm what she said. It was an important step to change the narrative. After three wonderful times hearing the wisdom of Dr. Tinker, she was ready to take that step. She hoped we as a Conference, could be a part of changing the narrative.

Rev. Julie Elkins from Costa Mesa First UMC asked if we were told there was a Judicial Council ruling, the first therefore would not be able to happen, but she would hope it would not nullify both therefore statements. Bishop Carcaño said we had to look at the ruling to make the determination and that we were researching a Judicial Council action that would prohibit our becoming a Reconciling Conference. We would inform the Conference with what we learned and set aside all or part of this Resolution.

Bishop Carcaño called for a vote. Resolution 15-11 Reconciling Annual Conference was supported at 4:08 pm.

RESOLUTION 15-14 General Conference Petition: Establishing a Screen to Remove and Avoid Investments in Illegal Settlements on Occupied Land

Rev. Rhodes presented and moved Resolution 15-14 General Conference Petition: Establishing a Screen to Remove and Avoid Investments in Illegal Settlements on Occupied Land located on Page 226 distributed on the floor of Annual Session. It was not included in a Legislative Section, so this came with no recommendation.
M. Theresa Basile, Lay Member from Culver-Palms UMC spoke in favor of the Resolution. It had been gratifying to hear so many references to what Dr. Tinker taught us. It was wonderful that he had made such an impact on this Conference. This Resolution was the one piece of legislation before us this week that most directly pertained to what we had been learning about from Dr. Tinker and the panel. We had been challenged to learn and reflect on the abuses of colonialism against indigenous peoples and that colonialism was still happening today. Military powers were occupying indigenous people’s lands, moving them off their lands, destroying their homes, agricultural land, and building colonies on their places. If we were serious about Acts of Repentance and regretted Christians’ complicity in these actions of the past, we should avoid providing our investment funds to support those colonizations. This investment screen was not a punitive action against any companies or government, but a moral and ethical choice for our church. Shareholder advocacy was tried with some of these major companies profiting from these colonizations for over 10 years and it had been unsuccessful. United Methodists across the denomination were asking for these investment screens. They recognized the important responsibilities of our investment managers. We had excellent ones in our Conference and at the General Board of Pension. This Resolution simply called on them to apply the investment screens. They still had fiduciary responsibilities on how to best apply this screen. Why would we want to profit from this colonization that was going on today?

Rev. Greg Batson from the Cal-Pac Foundation spoke against the Resolution. He had wonderful conversations with Theresa earlier, and the Kairos Movement. They believed in socially responsible investing and in human rights, and supporting those as ethical values. He believed that being at the table with the companies as a shareholder advocate was a more effective means for communicating the changes we wanted to make.

David DeBus, Lay Member from Pacific Beach UMC spoke against this Resolution. We regarded statements like occupied and colonized as inflammatory for the facts and distortion of the facts. He believed fair minded inquiry would not use this type of language. He thought this was a screen for other purposes. It surprised him that the United Methodist Church would be so in favor of organized, totalitarian, homophobic, genocidal purposes.

Rev. Barbara Grace Ripple spoke in favor to send this Resolution to General Conference to continue the discussions. She had been twice to Israel and Palestine. She went once with Rev. Sandra Olewine and members of California-Pacific Annual Conference. She was educated by Jewish folks, by Palestinian Muslims, and by Palestinian Christians. We needed to be open to discussing the issues. She saw where Palestinian people’s homes were destroyed and how the Palestinian people could not even go to the store or leave their homes. They confronted the Israeli military. The Jewish folks she knew were in favor of peace between the Palestinians, the Jewish people, and the Christians. The one statement that had not left her since 2008 was, “Why were the Christian Churches in the United States silent about what was happening to them?” This was said to her by the Christian families, whose history went back to the original Christian Churches in Damascus. She asked we send this on and keep discussion going.

Rev. James Dwyer spoke in favor. For four years, he worked as a missionary in a staff position at the General Board of Global Missions. He also had an opportunity to visit Palestine and Israel. There were a number of years between his 2 visits and the dramatic decline of the situation for Palestinians was obvious. He had friends there in a Muslim village, which was once Christian, and was directly impacted by being right on the green line. They had a good relationship with the Jewish neighbors right over the green line in a legal settlement, but had bad relationships with the neighbors living on the other side in an illegal settlement. We needed to discuss and resolve this issue. He read a lot of Israeli news and other press releases about the situation. The Israelis were really concerned that too much attention was being drawn to the injustices that were happening there. Those who were in favor of taking all the land were nervous we would look too closely and those who were not in favor of that, was upset there was not a willingness of the Israeli government to work harder for peace.

Bishop Carcaño said there were 3 who spoke in favor of the Resolution and asked if there was anyone to speak against the Resolution. Seeing none, she recognized Rev. Kelvin Sauls from Holman UMC.
He grew up under occupied apartheid in South Africa. He also spent time in Israel, Palestine, and in the village mentioned earlier. He had to say that they had conversations like this during apartheid. South Africa and some of the statements around those being complicit and inflammatory, but South Africa was free today, because divestment was the last blow in bankrupting a dehumanizing and discriminatory system called apartheid. Apartheid was real and alive in Israel/Palestine. When he was there, he was in pain, because he realized it was even worse than what they experienced in South Africa. Our ongoing inaction provided a sign to our brothers and sisters in Palestine of our being complicit in their pain and the destruction they were going through. He was in favor of this Resolution as a strategic, nonviolent strategy to help facilitate deliberation and to stop discrimination in working towards a just peace.

Bishop Carcaño said we heard 4 for and 2 against. She recognized Rev. Bethany Carpenter from Bardsdale UMC who spoke against. Rev. Carpenter only wished that we would remember Rev. Tinker’s words this morning about children and the collateral damage that happened in Iraq, when we did our screening there. She just wanted us to be aware that we did not also want to contribute to collateral damage.

Kristin Hall, Lay Member from Ridgecrest UMC asked a question about the Resolution. It talked about illegal settlements on occupied land, but nowhere was that defined? We could use in our lectures from the past several days, that we had occupied vast parts of our country illegally? She had a question for the authors about what was the definition for illegal settlements. Bishop Carcaño said she would take this as a statement against the Resolution.

Resolution 15-14 General Conference Petition: Establishing a Screen to Remove and Avoid Investments in Illegal Settlements on Occupied Land was supported.

RULES 15-4 Policy Change: Amended Clergy Vacation Policy

Rev. John Farley said he believed we had gone on to perfecting the Clergy Vacation Policy and presented the following:

Each clergy under appointment to a local church shall be allowed at least four weeks per appointment year for vacation at their regular rate of pay; no more than four of which may be Sundays. Vacation does not count as continuing education, Renewal Leave, Annual Conference, or other connectional responsibilities. Accrued vacation days shall be capped at four weeks and no more days may be accrued beyond the cap. For the spiritual and physical well being of the clergy, it is encouraged that the four weeks of vacation be taken each appointment year. In the event of a change of appointment, any unused accrued vacation days due the clergy are the responsibility of the current appointment.

Rev. Randy Johnson, Retired and Interim Pastor at Fallbrook UMC asked a question. “Were you suggesting that pastors were now accruing vacation from July 1 forward? Normally in a new appointment, you could take one or two weeks in the month of July. He feared that if you used accrual language, you would not accrue 4 weeks until after working 12 months. Rev. Farley said they consulted with a labor law attorney and clergy immediately accrued 4 weeks at July 1. California law assumed accrual, but we did not have to come up with a formula for hourly accrual. Clergy had always, by clergy exemption, been given the 4 weeks. Our statement of accrual referred to the limit of what could be accrued. Each July 1, clergy had accrued 4 weeks.

Rules 15-4 Policy Change: Amended Clergy Vacation Policy was supported.

(1) ADDITION on Page 218, Line 40: “WHEREAS, it is recognized that there was division within Cal-Pac on this issue.”

(2) ADDITION on Page 218, Line 28: “WHEREAS, it is recognized that there was division within Cal-Pac on this issue.”

(3) DELETION on Page 219, Lines 38-39 “It shall not limit the Church’s ministry in response to the HIV epidemic.”

Rev. Rhodes moved Resolution 15-8 as amended.

Rev. Frank Wulf, United University Church moved a Substitution to the Amendment to use the language that was added to be the same as what Rev. Mary Elizabeth Moore brought to the other Resolutions. The motion was seconded.

“Whereas the members of the California-Pacific Annual Conference continue to disagree on matters of homosexuality, we believe that we can continue our conversations with respect, while practicing a more inclusive church.”

The Substitution to the Amendment for Resolution 15-8 was supported.

Bishop Carcaño asked if anyone wanted to speak on the Amended Resolution before us, hearing none, she called for the vote. Resolution 15-8: General Conference Petition Use of Church Funds – Amend ¶613.19 & 806.9 was supported as amended at 4:27 p.m.

Rev. Rhodes thanked us for the privilege to serve and thanked everyone who participated, including those who sent him text messages while he was up there.

Rules and Structure Task Force (4:28 p.m.): Bishop Carcaño explained the Rules and Structure Task Force had one last action pertaining to Nominations. Rev. Karen Ristine said as shared in their report on Thursday, the Rules and Structure Task Force had one more Rules Change. It involved the length of terms of service on Conference organizations. It could be found on Page I-17 of the 2014 Conference Rules found at www.calpacumc.org/secretary. The Rule is VI.C.1. It currently read, “Length of terms of all Conference organizations shall be one year, except for organizations whose terms are established by The Book of Discipline or elsewhere in these rules.”

The new rule would change the term from one “year” to one “quadrennium.” This rule would begin with the new quadrennium that began in 2016. Rev. Lui Tran said the rationale for this Rules Change was to provide for consistency, continuity in leadership and team building, and to align the service of those elected and appointed to Conference, more closely with the terms of service of our denominational organizations.

Rev. Ristine moved the terms of conference organizations to one quadrennium.

Rev. Richard Bentley from Alhambra First UMC and member of the Nominations Committee asked if they were limiting the maximum term of length to 1 quadrennium? Rev. Ristine clarified saying it was not the tenure, but the term of service was one quadrennium. Rev. Bentley spoke against this. The Nominations Committee did an analysis of what would happen if we switched from year terms to quadrennium terms. Somewhere around ⅓ to ½ of people on the present quadrennium terms did have people who came in mid-year.
While in theory this sounded like a good change, because you had continuity of leadership, the reality was you had people coming in mid-year anyway. Rather than serving the full 8 years to get the maximum of their wisdom, for interim terms, they only served 5-9 years, usually less than 8. For example, the Board of Ordained Ministry Chair, Rev. Hilary Chrisley resigned mid-year and they elected a new Chair mid-quadrennium. That was the kind of chaos that led to Conference Nominations Committee in the mid-1990’s to move to one year terms. In practice, it worked better.

Bishop Carcaño clarified by saying Rev. Bentley made references to 2 different processes. The first was for elections to Agencies and the second was an internal process for the election of officers. We needed to keep those separated, because those were 2 different matters.

Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth, North District Superintendent spoke in favor of the Rules Change. Having our leadership elected by quadrennium helped us with continuity to get our work done. The term began July 1, but it was September or October before a first meeting even happened. With Advent and Christmas coming so quickly and then with Easter, we get nothing done before new election. To move our Annual Conference forward with maximum effectiveness and helping to get us organized, this led to greater good for the church.

Sarah Colling, Lay Member from First UMC in Escondido asked a question for clarification. Did one-year terms or quadrennium terms change the ability of service if they chose to continue? Rev. Ristine said there were 2 issues addressed. The rules for tenure of service remained the same. Instead of being elected for one year at a time, we would be elected one quadrennium at a time. It was still an 8-year maximum tenure or different tenure term following The Book of Discipline and our Rules, depending on the organization. Sarah Colling expected to serve on a committee for four years; however, the reality was she would be up for election every year.

Bishop Carcaño asked if there was any further discussion, hearing none, she called for a vote. The Rules Change to move from one-year terms to one-quadrennium terms was supported.

**Declaratory Decision (4:32 p.m.):** Bishop Carcaño learned of a matter to bring a Declaratory Decision coming to the floor and she welcomed that person to a microphone. Rev Tom Griffith said there was a slide.

He asked the Annual Conference to request a Declaratory Decision from the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church to ask for clarity on various laws that are in the book of discipline.

Historically, the General Conference had listed chargeable offenses that could be used to bring discipline to a clergy, even to laity. There were listed as classes of offenses. Each Annual Conference through its Committee on Investigation and Trial Court could decide what would be appropriate to apply.

At the 2004 General Conference, put in some specifications. It was mandatory that if something happened, regardless of the context, you were automatically guilty and required to go to trial immediately.

He believed this action was unconstitutional and took away a constitutional right of the annual conference and its clergy members to determine through its Committee on Investigation and Trial Court if something was an offense. the basic body of the church was the AC.

This should be done at the lowest level possible rather than out into the netherworld where it is decided on a flat basis without regard to context.

The bishop recapped saying Rev. Tom Griffith was requesting we send this to the JC for a Declaratory Decision. it would be sent straight to the JC. It would go in our name from this AC. Bishop Carcaño called for a vote. The request for a Declaratory Decision from the JC on this matter was supported.
Rev. Tom Griffin requested the permission to request oral arguments and to argue on its behalf. Bishop Carcaño asked if anyone else wanted to do it in place of Rev. Tom Griffith. Rev. Griffith was granted permission to argue the case.

I move the Annual conference request a Declaratory Decision from the Judicial Council:

Under the provisions of para 2610.2(j) of the 2012 BOD, The California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church submits the following question in a request of for a Declaratory Decision: Does the inclusion of specification(s)* found in the phrasess beginning with the words “including but not limited to...” at para2701[a] and para 2701[b], have the effect of the General Conference unconstitutionally usurping the constitutional right of the ministerial members in full connection of an Annual Conference, as represented by its Committee of Investigation and Trial Court, (respectively), to define and/or ratify the specific facts in each situation which might affect the character and/or conference relationship of one or more of its members (para 33)?

*A “specification” is defined as “a fact which, standing alone, must allege a factual occurrence that, if found to be true, would support a finding of guilty on the related charge,” per ¶ 2706.5b.

**United Methodist Men (4:36 pm):** President Bob Divine from San Diego First UMC shared he was going to bring the modern sermon on the mount, but in the interest of time, let's just say it was great. They had great programs falling in the areas of evangelism, mission, and spiritual development. In the past, they were better at mission and spiritual development, but weak at evangelism. One of his goals in Cal-Pac and Nationally was to move UMM towards evangelism, not because he thought it was more important than mission, but because you as the church did a better job at mission, and evangelism was hard to do. It was hard to do evangelism in a local church level and for clergy to do. We had a hundred times more laity than clergy and the clergy already had so much to do. There was a moral imperative to do more and UMM had the capability to be leaders in that area. He said he did not care as much about UMM growing, as he wanted to see the church grow. It was difficult when managing decline, rather than planning for growth. He would like to see more money and resources for our members and our churches. If we grew, everything that we did became better. They derived most of their money from what they raised themselves and were almost entirely self-supporting. One of their principle revenue sources was chartering a Local Unit of UMM. _The Book of Discipline_ said that you should and it was only $ 85. Many pastors asked him what was the tangible benefit of UMM? He asked if all the churches had 12 Associates and 12 paid staff members? He did not think so. UMM was blessed to have a large staff, ready to assist you. Check out their website at www.gcumm.org 866-297-4312. You did not have to have everything in place. You needed 3 things to charter a Local Unit of UMM (1) You needed to list a President (2) Treasurer. All pastors were automatically members. (3) You needed only $ 85. Chartering a UMM Local Unit was the best thing you could do for UMM and they wanted to do a lot for you.

**United Methodist Women (4:42 pm):** President Mele Faiva Blagojevic, on behalf of UMW gave Bishop Carcaño a hat, because she was our Honorary UMW President. Last year, they made their pledge of $ 280,000 to National UMW. They raised over $ 9,000 for Imagine No Malaria and were continuing to support INM. They also pledged $ 100,000 towards a new rehab center for Methodist Hospital in Southern California. After many hours of praying and conversations with other Conferences, Districts, and Local Organizations, the Conference Leadership UMW Team had agreed to realign our 8 UMW Districts with the 5 Annual Conference Districts. Through their powerful UMW Connectional System, they would make a difference with opportunities to network and to start new Local Organizations. There would be more opportunities for younger women in continuing their mission work, through new ways. They would be working diligently with all the District Leaders to meet the January 2016 deadline. They were pleased to acknowledge Lay Persons of the Year, Donna Johnson and Chelemar Hoskins, who were both UMW. Today was her birthday and she was enjoying sunny Redlands. They recognized and congratulated 4 new Local Organizations: Monrovia, Ewa Beach, Kona, and La Puente UMW. They wore hats today to honor those 8 women who started UMW on a rainy night in Boston, Massachusetts in 1869 and currently had over 800,00 members. UMW had been putting faith, hope, and love in action and now we were planning on doing the same for the next 150
years. We were leaving our daughters and granddaughters with a different legacy. The Legacy Fund was a forward thinking permanent endowment fund with income dedicated to strengthening UMW for service, advocacy, and transformative learning opportunities for our members to be agents of change to promote the empowering of women to address root issues harming women, children, and youth. The campaign launched last year, a 5-year plan, which would culminate in 2019, he 150-year anniversary. At the UMW lunch today, they had more than 250 brothers and sisters listening to Betty Lopez of Torrance First UMC telling the story of how her grandmother Emma Frances. Betty Lopez’ life changed how she watched her grandma involved as a UMW. In 2008, Betty Lopez started the Emma Circle, a group of young girls who were the future of UMW. UMW invited Bishop Carcaño to attend UMW’s Annual Celebration on October 24 at Holliston UMC in Pasadena. They thanked everyone for continuing to support UMW with their prayers, love, time, and donations.

**Staff Relations Committee (4:50 pm):** Chair J.P. Harris and Jan Hanson, Director of Human Resources/Benefits said the SRC was established pursuant to an action of the 2014 Annual Conference, which replaced the Policy Development and Administration Committee and the EMT Senior Staff Relations Committee. Their basic charge was to establish uniform and equitable policies and practices in the employment, compensation, and personnel in cooperation and in consultation with other Conference agencies that employed staff. The Conference policies and procedures APPLIED ONLY to the Conference positions, and NOT to the Local Church. The full 20 members of the committee met 3 times during the past year. The bulk of the work was accomplished by its 3 sub-committees, which met numerous other times. Those 3 sub-committees were Compensation, Job Description, and Policy Development. During their inaugural year, they developed and revised job descriptions and began their work to revise the existing personnel policies. They completed a new wage and salary proposal, which was adopted by this Annual Conference earlier today. He referred us to Page 125 in the Preliminary Report for further details of what the committee had done. He expressed a special thank you to Jan Hanson, her staff, and the committee.

**System Assessment Task Force (4:52 pm):** Bishop Carcaño was informed the Systems Assessment Task Force was not in need of agenda time, as we had dealt with many of their rules and consideration of their matters already.

**Sessions Task Force (4:52 pm):** Rev. Steve Hundley, Executive Director of Connectional Ministries said the Sessions Committee met and did our best to host you this week. He thanked all the tech folks, tellers, those who were watching the doors, and ushers. If you saw someone from the University of Redlands, please say thank you as they did a great job at hosting us and had been very gracious. All of your Conference Staff worked very hard, and tried to help to resource you. The dates for the Session next year were June 16, 17, and 18 at the University of Redlands.

Bishop Carcaño shared that the portion on Rules that we referred back for work had been difficult. She referred it to the new Connectional Table as per our process in this Conference.

**Reading of Appointments as a People Called to God’s Vision (4:54 pm):** Bishop Carcaño announced we were moving right into the Reading of Appointments, as that was a necessary liturgy as we came close to the end. She informed Brother Jim Monk, she would come back to him after the Reading of the Appointments.

<Conference Secretary’s Note: Full text of Liturgy to be included in its entirety later>. Rev. Kathey Wilborn opened us in prayer. Rev. John Farley read from Isaiah 61:1-4. Bishop Carcaño led us in a litany. We joined in singing, “Jesus We Are Here.” We shared in a Call to the Laity, Call to the Clergy, and a Call to Clergy Accepting Extension Ministry Appointments. Rev. Jan Wiley led us in prayer. Rev. Tom Choi and Bishop Carcaño continued with the liturgy. Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth closed us in prayer and we sang, “Jesu, Jesu.” Bishop Carcaño invited us to take a moment to welcome each other and share peace and love.
**Episcopal Decision Request (5:12 pm):** Jim Monk, Lay Member from Kona UMC was recognized at the microphone and requested an Episcopal Ruling regarding Rules 15-15. He delivered the written request to Bishop Carcaño. Bishop Carcaño received the request for an Episcopal Ruling and said we would abide by the guidelines of our political process for such matters.

Bishop Carcaño asked the body if there was anyone else who would like to come. Hearing none, she proceeded with the Orders of the Day.

**Honoring Our Retiring Clergy (5:13 pm):** Bishop Carcaño called for the videos Honoring Our Retiring Clergy: Rev. Linda Robison and Rev. James R. Seaton.

**Closing Business (5:21 pm):** Leanne Nakanishi, Conference Secretary announced the following:

1. Our Director of Communications James Kang wanted to remind you the order form for the DVD recordings of these plenary sessions and worship services were available online at [www.calpacumc.org/ac2015](http://www.calpacumc.org/ac2015)
2. Please remove ALL your personal belongings at the end of this Plenary Session # 6.

**Motion (5:22 pm):** Conference Secretary Leanne Nakanishi moved to close this 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference at the end of the Commissioning and Ordination Service. Bishop Carcaño called for a vote. The motion to close the 31st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference at the end of the Commissioning and Ordination Service was supported at 5:22 pm.

Bishop Carcaño recognized and thanked Conference Secretary Leanne Nakanishi, Agenda Chair Rev. Melinda Dodge, Parliamentarian Rev. Preston Price, Courtesies Chair Rev. Lee Carlile, our Worship Team led by Chair Rev. Karin Ellis. John Camphouse closed us all in prayer. We adjourned at 5:25 pm.

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**The Service of Word & Table**

for the Ordination of Elders with Commissioning

California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

June 20, 2015

7:30 pm

“Crown Imperial - Coronation March” by Sir William Walton and “Grand Chorus Dialogue” by Eugène Gigout, arr. Jaebon Hwang were performed under the direction of Rev. Greg Norton as the worshipping body gathered. Rev. Jerry Wilson led the body in the Call to Worship. The gathering sang “God of Grace and God of Glory” as Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño, the Cabinet, members of the Board of Ordained Ministry, Ordinands, and Commissioners processed into worship. Bishop Carcaño greeted the worshipping body and led the gathering in prayer. The gathering was invited to remember their baptisms and be thankful. Bishop Carcaño introduced Bishop Charles Jordan, Resident Bishop at Claremont School of Theology and Rev. Maria Caliqsto, District Superintendent for the Northern District of the Methodist Church of Mexico.

**PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE COMMISSIONED OR ORDAINED**

Phil and Connee Freeman, Conference Lay Leaders, and Rev. Richard Garner, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry spoke on behalf of the Laity of Local Congregations who had examined and approved these candidates, and on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry of this Annual Conference, which had recommended these persons, and this Annual Conference, which had approved them. Then, they presented these persons to be commissioned for the work of an Elder: **Catherine Capp**, **Francisco Garcia-Velasquez**, **Lydia Zee-Myung Sohn**, and **Joseph Yun**. Candidates stood as their names were read by Rev. Sunyoung Lee.
The Freemans and Rev. Garner presented these persons to be Ordained Elders: Joshua Michael Clough, Mary Thuy-Dung Dang, Melinda Teter Dodge, Angela Galanis Price, Andrew Soon Lee, Sung Ki Lee, Matthew Miles McPhee, Samuel S. Nam, Deborah Mikyo Oh, Sunyoung Park, and Darren Steven Cowdrey. Candidates stood as their names were read by Rev. Doug Williams. Bishop Carcaño asked the gathered body to declare their assent to the commissioning and ordination of these persons. She also asked the body to state if they trusted the candidates to be worthy by God’s grace and if they agreed to uphold them in their ministry. Bishop Carcaño asked the gathering to show their approval, so the gathering received the candidates with applause.


Bishop Minerva Carcaño delivered her sermon, “So We Want to See Jesus…?” (Manuscript to be provided in the next few weeks) An offering for The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference to support pastor’s salaries, build new churches and facilities, and provide resources for families and children was collected as “Amazing Grace” and “I Am Determined” were shared. In response to the offering, the gathering sang the doxology and prayed together led by Ralph Hogan.

**COMMISSIONING PROVISIONAL MEMBERS FOR SERVICE**

As the Candidates for Provisional Membership stood behind the Communion Table, Bishop Carcaño addressed the congregation acknowledging the work of the Holy Spirit in the candidates’ lives that led them to be commissioned, and invited the gathering to continue to hold them in prayer as they prepared for ordained ministry. Bishop Carcaño extended arms over all of the candidates and prayed. Then one at a time, the candidates came forward and knelted. Bishop Carcaño laid both hands upon the shoulders of each candidate and prayed. As each candidate was commissioned, those present to support them stood. Catherine Capp, Francisco Garcia-Velasquez, Lydia Zee-Myung Sohn, and Joseph Yun were commissioned. The gathering sang “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” with the verses in English, and the refrain in Spanish.

**EXAMINATION OF ELDERS**

As the Candidates for Ordination stood behind the Communion Table, Bishop Carcaño examined them for Ordination as an Elder, then prayed over them. Candidates for Ordination as an Elder were invited to kneel before the Bishop one at a time as directed. Family members and friends were invited to stand where they were for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for Ordinands. Bishop Carcaño laid both hands on the head of each Ordinand and prayed. The Candidate then placed his/her hands on the Bible, which Leanne Nakanishi held, while Bishop Carcaño charged them to take their authority as an Elder. Each person ordained then received a stole to represent the mantle they took up. Joshua Michael Clough, Mary Thuy-Dung Dang, Melinda Teter Dodge, Angela Galanis Price, Andrew Soon Lee, Sung Ki Lee, Matthew Miles McPhee, Samuel S. Nam, Deborah Mikyo Oh, Sunyoung Park, and Darren Steven Cowdrey were ordained.

After all the candidates were ordained, Rev. John Greene and Rev. Joshua Clough moved to the pulpit for the Passing of the Mantle from a newly retired pastor to a new ordained pastor. Bishop Carcaño presented the newly ordained Elders of the gathering and invited the gathering to receive them. The gathering sang “Sing a New Church.” Rev. Elbert Kim invited the congregation to the act of confession and they offered a prayer of confession and we received words of assurance. Bishops Jordan and Carcaño presided over the Sacrament of Communion. The congregation was invited to respond to God’s call to Ordained Ministry and the gathering was invited to partake of the Holy Sacrament. The body offered a prayer after receiving communion. Bishop Carcaño and Rev. Debbie Gara offered the dismissal with blessing. The gathering sang “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” as those on the chancel processed out. Rev. Norton offered the postlude, “Carillon de Westminster.”
PARTICIPANTS

Celebrants: Bishop Minerva Carcaño, Resident Bishop, Los Angeles Episcopal Area
Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan, Retired

Preacher: Bishop Minerva Carcaño

Liturgists:
- Rev. Jerry Wilson
- Phil and Connee Freeman, Conference Lay Leaders
- Ralph Hogan, East District Lay Leader
- Rev. Elbert Kim, Registrar for the Board of Ordained Ministry

Scripture Readers: Francisco Garcia Velasquez
Mary Dang

BOOM Readers:
- Rev. Richard Garner, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry
- Rev. Doug Williams, Assistant Registrar for Full Membership
- Rev. Sunyoung Lee, Assistant Registrar for Provisional Membership

Communion Stewards:
- Cabinet Members of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, Conference Lay Leaders, and those being Commissioned and Ordained

Acolytes:
- From Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Tustin: Tom Batson, Dan Batson, Wes Batson, Gavin Wilmoth, Garrett Wilmoth, and Abigail Ellis

Worship Design: Rev. Karin Ellis

Visual Arts: Kara Colling

Creator of Stoles: Melanie Little

Worship Coordination: Annual Conference Worship Team
- Revs. Darin Arntson, Faith Conklin, Marichu Cruz, James Dollins, Greg Douglass, Karin Ellis, Moonyoung Lee, Andy Mattick, John Oh,
- Mark Richardson, Leonardo Wilborn, and Mark Wiley

MUSICIANS

IBIG Ensemble: Nelson Carlos, Mario Dingcong, Armando Francisco, Sam Magisa,
Ricardo Rufino, Jonathan Zari

Music Director: Rev. Greg Norton

Organist: Jaebon Hwang, Westwood UMC, LA

Trumpets: David Scott, Miles McAllister

Trombones: Andrew Glendening, Phil Keen

Timpani: Bruce Anderson

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