Morning Worship
June 13, 2019, 9:00 AM
The band played worship music as the congregation gathered. As worship began, Rev. Molly Vetter welcomed the congregation and led a silent prayer of preparation. A recording of Psalm 100 was used to bring the time of silence to a close. The band led the congregation in singing “You Are Good,” “Our God,” “Raise A Hallelujah,” and “Move.” Isaiah 43:15-21 was read in English by Velma Jean Taylor, Vietnamese by Rev. Bau Dang, Korean by Rev. Hannah Ka, and English by Josh Jones. Olivia Trinidad offered a prayer of the day.

Bishop Grant J. Hagiya preached a sermon about his vision of a new church. In the midst of the sermon, Bishop Hagiya offered a personal prayer of confession and led the gathering in a corporate prayer of confession, followed by a time for personal confession and words of assurance. He invited every member of the congregation to go back to their local church to craft, discuss, and vision about what a new church would look like and report back at their charge conference.

Following the sermon, the congregation sang “Ever Be.” Rev. Adiel DePano called for an offering to support the Filipino Caucus of the California-Pacific Conference, which celebrated its tenth year of sponsoring a mission team to the Philippines. A video of the previous trip was played while the offering was collected, and then the band sang “How Great is Our God.” The congregation sang the doxology and Rev. Karen Clark Ristine led the congregation in a prayer of dedication and commitment. The congregation sang “I Need You to Survive.” Bishop Hagiya invited the congregation to pass the peace as a sign of reconciliation and then prepare for Plenary 1.

Plenary 1
June 13, 2019, 10:15 AM
Call to Order Bishop Grant J. Hagiya called the 35th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference to order.

Orders of the Day Rev. Cathie Capp moved the orders of the day. They were approved.

Opening Business Rev. Bob Rhodes introduced the opening business for Conference Session. Rev. Rhodes moved to set the bar of the 35th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference as: the main level seating area of the Chapel, the balcony level seating from the stairwell entrance forward, the stage, and the Media Room. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.
Rev. Rhodes moved that the Agenda in the “Participant Guide” be the official agenda of this 35th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference and that the Agenda Chair and/or Conference Secretary be authorized to make necessary adjustments in consultation with the Bishop. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Rhodes moved that the proceedings published in the UM Daily be the official minutes of this 35th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference after they are corrected and approved. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Rhodes moved that the registration forms be used as the official roll call of the 35th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Rhodes moved that all resolutions not adopted by the end of this 35th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference be referred to the appropriate entities. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Rhodes announced changes to the legislation docket. Petition 19-01 was previously ruled out of order and withdrawn. Petitions 19-02 and 19-03 and Resolution 19-04 were removed by those who submitted them. Mark Stephenson moved to amend by substitution Resolution 19-06. A copy of the amended resolution was published at calpacumc.org/secretary. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Announcements Pastor Lea Booth asked that the side aisles and narthex of the chapel remain clear for the safety of everyone and reminded the body to read the helpful “Participant Guide” as well as practice good self-care, hydration, and sunscreen use. Pastor Booth advised the body that voting for General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates will be done electronically this year. She explained the device sign out process, stressed that each member was responsible for their assigned device until they are returned, and there was a fee for lost devices. Voting instructions would be given the following morning.

Rev. Jae Duk Lew reminded the body that English is not the first language of many, and he asked that we use the provided translation devices so that participants can fully express themselves and practice better communication, participation, and understanding.

A video was shown that displayed stories of vitality.

Laity Address Phil and Connee Freeman introduced the Lay Persons of the Year: Albino (“Al”) Pineda from El Buen Pastor UMC (North District), Lay Man of the Year; Tricia Hamilton from St. John’s UMC (West District), Lay Woman of the Year; Drew Patterson from Shepherd of the Valley, Indio (East District), Lay Youth of the Year; and Aleena Drummond from Scott UMC (North District), Lay Young Adult of the Year. The body offered thanksgiving for these lay people and their ministry.

Members of the Laity Council on stage were introduced. Phil and Connee Freeman and a Lay Leader from each district spoke to how they see a new church forming in our midst and how God is calling their regions into the future.

Rev. Charles Dobbs from Sun City UMC rose to ask a question and Bishop Hagiya ruled it out of order.

Connee Freeman expressed appreciation for the faithful work of the District Lay Leaders. Phil and Connee Freeman ended the Laity Address with prayer.

Update on the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference Rev. Denyse Barnes introduced herself and her new role as ¼ time LGBTQIA+ Advocacy Coordinator. She reviewed the information provided in the registration packet and outlined the ramifications of the decisions made at the Special Session of the General Conference and the subsequent Judicial Council rulings. Rev. Barnes reported that she is working on getting the packets translated into other languages.
She outlined upcoming opportunities to discuss these matters further and participate in communicating each members’ perspective regarding the outcome of the Special Session of the General Conference.

**Rules 19-02** Rev. Rhodes explained that the Rules Committee has analyzed current Conference rules to bring them up to date with our current Book of Discipline. Rev. Dan Lewis, Grace UMC in Long Beach, made a motion to amend wording to clarify language about electronic voting and address the need to nominate from the floor in the absence of paper ballots. The amendment was as follows: On line 28, change the word “write” to “select” so that the phrase reads, “Voters may select any number of names.” On line 29, change the word “names” to “selections” so that the phrase reads, “More selections on a ballot.” Remove lines 31-34. On line 42, remove the words “as well as those presented on the floor” so that the phrase reads, “Pre-conference nominations shall in no way limit.” On line 43, change the words “vote for” to “nominate” so that the phrase reads, “to nominate any person.” At the end of line 46, add the words, “Subsequent nominations from the floor may only be made following a vote, to allow time for consideration between a nomination and the next vote.” The motion was seconded. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the amendment and it was supported.**

Liz Roark from the Committee on Nominations offered an amendment on RULES 19-02 (PR 105). The amendment specifies, “Replace the last sentence of #8 with, “The number of alternates to be elected shall be at least two lay and two clergy delegates and maybe as large as one-half of the number of lay and clergy delegates elected to the Jurisdictional Conference.” **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the amendment and it was supported.** Liz Roark followed with this recommendation: “The Committee on Nominations with the support of the 2016 delegation recommends that the Annual Conference elect the maximum number of alternate delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference - four lay and four clergy alternates.”

Bishop Hagiya opened the floor to speak on main motion which had been amended twice. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.**

**Claremont School of Theology** Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kuan, President of Claremont School of Theology, shared that CST values its connection to The United Methodist Church. He described CST as unabashedly progressive and unwavering in its commitment to diversity and inclusivity, especially LGBTQIA+ people. Rev. Dr. Kuan affirmed CST’s commitment to serving the California-Pacific Conference and will continue to be deeply and ardently committed to demonstrating, teaching, and advocating for God’s love and mercy to all creation. Two years ago, CST began a conversation with Willamette University in Salem, Oregon about a potential partnership, and two months ago CST signed an affiliation agreement, which is the next step toward a shared future. Rev. Dr. Kuan reported that CST aims to position itself as the foremost theological school in the western United States. Rev. Dr. Kuan said that CST celebrates its diversity and that Claremont School of Theology graduates put hope in a world rife with division.

**Instructions for Legislation** Rev. Lydia Sohn and Rev. Barnes gave instructions to the body about Legislative Sections, which will meet after lunch. The 8 Legislative Sections will vote on their assigned legislation, and then will stay together to discuss the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference. Each dialogue session will include at least one General Conference delegate to help lead the discussion. The number located on the lower left corner of each badge indicates each member’s assigned Legislative Section. Any legislation which receives a vote of 80% or more goes onto the Consent Calendar and will be voted on during a future plenary. Any actions which do not go on the Consent Calendar may be brought to the floor to be discussed, as time permits.

Saia Tu’itahi offered a closing prayer in Tongan and English.

### Orders Gathering

**June 13, 2019, 11:30 AM (12:05 PM start time)**

Rev. Ken Suhr welcomed the gathering and introduced the members of the Orders Executive Committee. Rev. Suhr shared announcements and other information on behalf of the Orders Executive Committee. He led a time of centering and
encouragement, which included reminding the body of its covenant relationship, as described in ¶306 of the *Book of Discipline*.

Rev. Dr. Colleen Windham-Hughes invited the gathering to remember that the unity of the Spirit is a gift and led the body in singing “Spirit of the Living God.”

Rev. Suhr announced that the Bishop’s Convocation, “All Things New,” will be held September 10-12 in Indian Wells, CA. This theme reminds the clergy to have gratitude for what Christ has done and what Christ will do, but it is also a challenge to be part of the new things that God is doing. This is an opportunity to remember and to be encouraged. The keynote speaker will be Diana Butler Bass. Rev. Dr. Windham-Hughes sang a Latin-American prayer over the meal: “To those who hunger, give food; to those who are fed, give a hunger for justice.”

The gathering ate lunch together, while a PowerPoint presentation, created by Rev. Erika Gara and Rev. Moonyoung Lee, showed photos of various ordination classes. After lunch, Bishop Grant J. Hagiya shared a word with the clergy and offered a short time to answer questions.

Rev. Ed Hansen led the gathering in a time of sharing joys and concerns and praying for one another.

Bishop Hagiya offered thanksgiving for the clergy of the Annual Conference and dismissed the clergy with a blessing. The gathering adjourned at 1:12 PM.

**Celebration of Ministry**  
**June 13, 2019, 4:00 PM**

Rev. Gregory Norton offered a prelude as the congregation gathered. Pastor Royce Porter led the congregation in the call to worship. The congregation sang “And Are We Yet Alive” as Bishop Grant J. Hagiya, District Superintendents, Ordinands, Board of Ordained Ministry Executives, and retirees processed into worship. Rev. Michele Johns led in a prayer for illumination. Tabitha Taimane Yasuda read Isaiah 44:1-8 in Samoan while the English text was projected on the screen. The gathering sang “Spirit of the Living God”.


Bishop Hagiya led words of affirmation and thanksgiving over the retirees and then led the congregation in prayer. Rev. Dr. Woong-Min Kim offered words of challenge and blessing to the congregation. Rev. Dwight Sullivan, retiring after 49 years of service, passed the mantle to Rev. Pablo Róvere, who is scheduled to be ordained on Saturday. The body sang “Be Thou My Vision.”

Bishop Hagiya, East District Superintendent Rev. Melissa MacKinnon, and family members of Faiana Su’esolo ‘I Hevani, daughter of Pastor Monalisa Siofele-Lolohea and Pastor Langi Lolohea, gathered at the baptismal font for baptism. Bishop Hagiya, Rev. MacKinnon, and Faiana’s parents jointly placed their hands in the baptismal waters as Bishop Hagiya spoke the words of baptism over the baby. The retirees surrounded Faiana to offer prayers over her life and discipleship. Following the baptism, the congregation sang “All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord” as they were invited to remember their baptism and participate in a prayer of thanksgiving and commitment, and Bishop Hagiya offered a special moment of blessing to each retiree. The congregation sang “O Spirit of the Living God,” and Bishop Hagiya offered the benediction. Rev. Norton offered a postlude.
Clergy Executive Session
June 13, 2019, 7:00 PM

Bishop Grant J. Hagiya called the clergy to order at 7:09 pm and announced those that were permitted to remain in the Clergy Session: Elders and Deacons in Full Connection, Provisional Members, and Local Pastors.

Rev. Richard Garner, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, requested that certain laity be permitted to remain in the session: laity serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry, non-clergy assisting with the Audio-Video systems, Margaret Irwin from the Episcopal Office, and Cathy Wilson, the administrative coordinator for the Board of Ordained Ministry. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Garner greeted the clergy and invited Rev. Tom Choi, Vice Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, to lead the body in the Disciplinary Questions (DQs). Rev. Elbert Kim, the Board Registrar, is not able to be present due to his son’s high school graduation ceremony; Rev. Choi is filling in.

Rev. Choi said he is honored to report the work diligently and faithfully performed by the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry, and is especially grateful for Cathy Wilson, who gives invaluable assistance in formulating this report. Rev. Choi expressed that many of the DQs do not require action from the body, so the Executive Session would move on those requiring a vote or special introduction. Editorial corrections that do not have an impact on action items may be submitted to Cathy Wilson at cwilson@calpacumc.org or by leaving a message at the University message center.

Rev. Choi presented the election of provisional members to be commissioned and members to be ordained into Full Connection, listed on pages 7-9 under Disciplinary Questions 28, 32, 33 and 34, with more information on the candidates provided on page 24. The candidates for Provisional Membership and membership in Full Connection were escorted in and received with applause.


Rev. Sunyoung Lee, Registrar for Provisional Membership, presented the candidates to be commissioned for consideration by the clergy.

The Board moved to approve Nicole Jeanne Armstrong for provisional membership and commissioning on the Deacon track. Rev. Lee made the introduction. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

The Board moved to approve Richard Dean Annett for provisional membership and commissioning on the Elder track. Rev. Lee made the introduction. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

The Board moved to approve Dae Il Choi for provisional membership and commissioning on the Elder track. Rev. Lee made the introduction. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

The Board moved to approve Victor Leon Cyrus-Franklin for provisional membership and commissioning on the Elder track. Rev. Lee made the introduction. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

The Board moved to approve Kathryn Steffanie Monfortte for provisional membership and commissioning on the Elder track. Rev. Lee made the introduction. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.** Rev. Lee offered a prayer for the new provisional candidates and invited the body to celebrate the newly elected provisional members as they left the stage.
Rev. Choi invited Rev. K. Cherie Jones, Registrar for Full Connection, to introduce each of the candidates to be ordained and move their approval.

The Board moved to approve Rev. Jeanette Marie Bragunier for ordination as a Deacon in Full Connection. Rev. Jones made the introduction. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

The Board moved to approve Rev. Chelsea Laine Simon for ordination as a Deacon in Full Connection. Rev. Jones made the introduction. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

The Board moved to approve Rev. Melissa Catherine Spence for ordination as a Deacon in Full Connection. Rev. Jones made the introduction. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

The Board moved to approve Rev. Pablo Daniel Róvere for ordination as an Elder in Full Connection. Rev. Jones made the introduction. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

The Board moved to approve Rev. Hee Jung Yu for ordination as an Elder in Full Connection. Rev. Jones made the introduction. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.** Rev. Jones offered a prayer for those to be ordained and invited the body to celebrate the newly elected Full Connection members.

Rev. Choi turned to transfers from other conferences or denominations, listed on DQs 31, 38, 39, 41, 65 & 66 on pages 8-10 and 20. Rev. Saul Montiel was introduced to the clergy session. Rev. Choi reported that the process for transfers from other United Methodist Annual Conferences includes recommendations from the Bishop, Cabinet, and Executive Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry, as well as approval by the clergy session.

Rev. Choi presented Rev. Montiel for transfer from the Desert Southwest Annual Conference as an Elder in Full Connection. The transfer candidate was invited to step outside. Rev. Choi confirmed receipt of letters from Bishop Robert Hoshibata and judicatory authorities that the transfer candidate has been in good standing with no complaints or charges against him.

The Board moved to receive Rev. Saul Montiel by transfer from the Desert Southwest Annual Conference as an Elder in Full Connection. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Choi acknowledged a clergy person transferring to another Annual Conference, noted on Disciplinary Question 41, which did not require action from Clergy Session. He offered prayers for those who have transferred. Rev. Choi reviewed DQ 29 under letters (a) and (d) on pages 7-8, which lists provisional deacons and elders. He recognized certified candidates for ministry listed under DQ 19 on pages 1-2. The clergy were encouraged to support individuals who are exploring God’s calling towards ordained or licensed ministry and asked the clergy to please refer them to the Orientation to Ministry, which will be held on August 24 at Aldersgate UMC in Tustin, CA.

Pastor Jim Brooking reported on the status of Licensed Local Pastors. He presented DQ 21 on pages 3-6, which lists all Local Pastors who are approved and given appointments. This requires a vote of 3/4 majority. The Board moved for approval of all Local Pastors listed. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

The Board moved DQ 20, which reports the names of those who have completed the studies for license, and are approved, but have not received an appointment. There is a vote of 3/4 majority required for this item. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.** Rev. Brookings offered prayers for Licensed Local Pastors.

Rev. Choi presented DQ 24 on page 6, which lists ministers from other Annual Conferences or Methodist Denominations who are serving in our Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational membership. He also
presented DQ 49 on pages 13-14, which lists the name of clergy from our Annual Conference appointed in other Annual Conferences while retaining their membership with the California-Pacific Annual Conference. Rev. Choi invited these clergy to stand and be recognized. These items do not require voting.

Rev. Choi presented DQ 25 on pages 6-7, which lists ministers from other Christian denominations serving in our Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation. The Board moved Disciplinary Question 25. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported. Ministers from other denominations stood and were recognized with applause.

Rev. Choi presented DQ 26 (b) on page 7, which lists affiliate members retaining their Annual Conference membership while serving in this Annual Conference. The Board moved Disciplinary Question 26(b). Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.

Rev. Choi presented DQ 27 on page 7, which lists associate members serving in this Annual Conference. The Board moved Disciplinary Question 27. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported. Those serving as affiliate and associate members stood and were recognized with applause.

Rev. Choi presented DQ 18(a) on page 1 regarding the Administrative Review Committee. There are no changes from last year. DQ 18(c) lists those serving on the Committee on Investigation. There are no changes from last year, so no vote is needed.

Rev. Choi presented DQ 42 on page 10, which lists those recommended for discontinuance from provisional membership. The Board moved DQ 42.a. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.

The Board moved DQ 42.b. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported. Rev. Jones offered prayer.

Rev. Choi presented DQ 17 on page 1, which reports that there are two clergy under review, in accordance with ¶605.7 of the Book of Discipline.

Bishop Hagiya called upon Rev. Melissa MacKinnon to report on the status of clergy in the East District. They were all found blameless. The East District clergy found Rev. MacKinnon blameless.

Bishop Hagiya called upon Rev. Dr. Se Hee Han to report on the status of clergy in the Hawaii District. They were all found blameless. The Hawaii District clergy found Rev. Dr. Han blameless.

Bishop Hagiya called upon Rev. Jim Powell to report on the status of clergy in the North District. They were all found blameless. The North District clergy found Rev. Powell blameless.

Bishop Hagiya called upon Rev. John Farley to report on the status of clergy in the South District. They were all found blameless. The South District clergy found Rev. Farley blameless.

Bishop Hagiya called upon Rev. Mark Nakagawa to report on the status of clergy in the West District. All but two were found blameless. The West District clergy found Rev. Nakagawa blameless.

Rev. Choi called on Rev. Mark Ulrickson, Conference Relations, to report on termination of conference relationship, honorable location, and leave.

Rev. Ulrickson presented DQ 43, which lists those placed on honorable location. Board moved DQ 43(c)(3). Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.
Rev. Ulrickson presented DQ 44, which lists one new person who has been granted status of honorable location – retired. Board moved DQ 44. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Ulrickson presented DQ 45, which lists those on honorable location whose orders will be terminated. According to the Book of Discipline, ¶358.2, those who fail to submit a report to the Annual Conference for two consecutive years may have their orders terminated. The Board moved DQ 45. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Ulrickson presented DQ 46, which lists the termination of conference membership by withdrawal. There is no one who withdrew membership this year. No motion is needed.

Rev. Ulrickson presented DQs 50 and 52, listed on pages 14-15 which must be asked separately. DQs 50(a)(1) and 50(a)(3) list names of those going on voluntary leave of less than 5 years. The Board moved for approval DQ 50(a)(1) and DQ 50(a)(3). **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Ulrickson presented DQs 50(a)(2) and 50(a)(4), which lists names of those going on voluntary leave for more than 5 years. These require a vote of 2/3 majority. The Board moved for approval DQs 50(a)(2) and 50(a)(4). **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Ulrickson presented DQ 50(b), which lists two individuals who are placed on involuntary leave. This requires a vote of 2/3 majority. The Board moved for approval of DQ 50(b). **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Ulrickson presented DQ 52, which lists names of those granted medical leave. The Board moved for approval of DQ 52. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.** Rev. Ulrickson offered prayers for leaves, withdrawals, and termination of membership.


Rev. Dave Richardson noted the error of exclusion of Rev. John McFarland from this list. Bishop approved the addition of John McFarland to list of retirees as of July 1. The Board moved the approval of those persons retiring under ¶357.2 of the 2016 Book of Discipline. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.** Rev. Ulrickson prayed for those who are retiring.

Rev. Choi noted that DQ 63 – 71 are for informational purposes. DQ 72 on page 21 lists those pastors/deacons appointed to less than full-time positions, which requires a 2/3 vote. Rev. Choi corrected the list by removing Rev. Blair Trygstad.
Stowe, as she will be appointed full-time to Upland First UMC. The Board moved approval for Disciplinary question 72 as amended, for clergy appointed for less than full-time service. **Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Garner remarked on the work of the Board throughout the year. The body offered its thanks with applause. Special thanks was given for Cathy Wilson and flowers were given to her in thanks. It was reported that Rev. Colleen Windham-Hughes had resigned from the Board and offered thanks for her service.

Rev. Garner invited Rev. Leigh Ann Shaw to share work done on sexual ethics. Rev. Shaw offered reflections on stories of sexual abuse in the church across denominations. She called attention to the sexual ethics policy in our Conference Rules and reminded the clergy session of their solemn responsibility, as well as the need to be in compliance with the 2016 *Book of Discipline.*

Rev. Garner informed the clergy about the work of the Board in response to General Conference 2019. The Board of Ordained Ministry statement from March 13, 2019 was read aloud.

Rev. Ken Suhr, chair of the Order of Elders, and Rev. Dr. Windham-Hughes, chair of the Order of Deacon, were recognized.

Rev. Choi recognized from the Orders Executive Committee, the work being done by the Caring Clergy Colleagues. He invited Rev. Ed Hansen to share and introduce colleagues who are currently part of this caring ministry. Rev. Dr. Faith Conklin was introduced as the new chair for the Caring Clergy Colleagues. She offered their service during Annual Conference and afterward.

As has been tradition, the Archives and History Committee offered names of those who have reached milestone years of service. Rev. D’Aoust read the names of those who served 70, 65, 60, 50, 35, 25 years of service as Elders. Rev. Pearson read the names of Deacons who have served milestone years of ministry, combining the years of ministry as deacons in Full Connection with years of diaconal ministry.

Rev. Choi made an announcement about electronic voting devices, how they will be distributed, when they must be collected, and encouraged all to arrive early to pick-up their device. Rev. Choi concluded the Board’s report. Bishop Hagiya thanked the Board of Ordained Ministry for the hard work put into preparing the report. Those in attendance offered hearty applause.

Rev. Dr. Windham-Hughes offered prayer to close the session. **Bishop Hagiya adjourned the session at 8:33pm.**

**Laity Session**  
**June 13, 2019, 8:00 PM**

Annie Solomon, East District Co-Lay Leader welcomed everyone introducing her team, Diane Gin and Dione Taylor. She opened the session with prayer.

Diane Gin, East District Co-Lay Leader, introduced Valerie Hungalu who sang “Make Me a Servant.”

Dione Taylor, South District Lay Leader, introduced Connee and Phil Freeman, Conference Co-Lay Leaders. She then recognized the Lay Persons of the year who then had the opportunity to reflect on their ministry: Tricia Hamilton from St. John’s UMC (West District); Alberto Pineda from El Buen Pastor UMC (North District); Aleena Drummond from Scott UMC (North District), and Drew Patterson from Shepherd of the Valley Indio (East District). Dione thanks each awardee for speaking and blessing us.
Diane Gin, East District Co-Lay Leader, introduced Rev. Dr. Cedrick D. Bridgeforth, who is the pastor at Grace UMC in Los Angeles. He has served as pastor of Bowen Memorial, Crenshaw, and Santa Ana United Methodist Churches and was a District Superintendent.

Rev. Dr. Bridgeforth shared some definitions, history, and analysis of where we are in the current challenges facing the Conference after the February 2019 Special Session of the General Conference (GC 2019). These are not simple binary issues; viable options include: Disaffiliation (departing), Dissolution (dismantling), Resistance (disrupting), and Compliance (just putting your head in the sand).

Rev. Dr. Bridgeforth shared at least 3 perspectives: Progressives (go to the mat until there is full inclusion), Moderates/Centrists (noncommittal), and Conservatives (do not support full inclusion). Reality is more complicated. Traditionalist is not synonymous with support for the Traditionalist plan. (A person can hold an understanding of primacy of scripture, etc, and still be Open to full inclusion, or not in support of the measures passed at GC 2019 and how stringent they are.) Rev. Dr. Bridgeforth emphasized the need to engage each other in real dialogue. Likewise, he said, Progressive is not synonymous with support for a fully inclusive church, which would also require getting away from racist, sexist, etc, practices.

Phil Valdes (Young Adult from Upland United Methodist Church) shared about Our Movement Forward, one of several recent conferences that California-Pacific people have participated in. After GC 2019 and the Judicial Council decisions, Our Movement Forward met in Minneapolis. This self-selected group centered voices of Queer and Transgender persons, and people of color. This event had a group of clergy and laity come together to discuss what a new form of Methodism could look like. The California-Pacific Conference has to look at what it means to bring to the center the voices most marginalized, and to rebuild around those who have been told they are not God’s beloved. This is critical to Phil Valdes as a Cuban American gay candidate for ministry.

Monalisa Tu’itahi (from Santa Ana) attended the UMC Next event in Kansas City (convened by Rev. Adam Hamilton and others.) which met the following week. She reflected on the 600 people from the United Methodist connection in the United States who attended. They envisioned a way forward and what the next iteration of United Methodism may be. Monalisa Tu’itahi expressed that UMC Next was a lot of the conversations the conference has planned this week. The people most marginalized need to set the agenda so that they no longer remain at the margins. Monalisa Tu’itahi stressed that we need empathy in leadership. Rev. Dr. Bridgeforth reminded the laity that the conference is part of something bigger and has a voice to share.

The presenters shared about this Annual Conference’s representation at General Conference 2020 in Minneapolis. California-Pacific will send three clergy and three laity. They shared about the work ahead for the Bishop, Cabinet, General Conference 2016 and General Conference 2020 delegations, and staff. This Annual Conference is gathering data to see what the new church might look like. The presenters shared the hope to host Listening Posts between September and December in different districts. They stressed that laity should attend the Listening Posts and start conversations in the local church. The laity were encouraged to dream and vision for liberation and radical solidarity as the conference envisions a new church, whatever it looks like.

A Question and Answer period followed with responses from Rev. Dr. Bridgeforth, Mark Stephenson (UMC Next participant), Phil Valdes, Monalisa Tu’itahi, Rev. Denyse Barnes.

Diane Gin gave the closing prayer.
Morning Worship
June 14, 2019, 8:30 AM

The LGBTQ Task Force planned and led morning worship, which opened with “Let it Rise,” “My God,” and “Holy Spirit” offered by the band. Rev. J. Daniel Lewis and Rev. Denyse Barnes extended a welcome. The Task Force was created after Bishop Grant J. Hagiya asked LGBTQIA+ clergy to meet with him and invited them to fulfill a request from the 2016 conference session to organize a LGBTQIA+ task force. The Task Force defined their purpose as “to further ministry, advocacy, and representation to the LGBTQIA+ community.” Rev. Lewis and Rev. Barnes reported that the Task Force exists to support and challenge the Cal-Pac conference to create full affirmation and safe space. “The Hidden Faithful” is the term they used to refer to those who are serving in the closet because it is unsafe to serve otherwise. The Task Force reported that Cal-Pac does not yet represent the full diversity needed to complete the work ahead.

Rev. Lewis and Rev. Barnes spoke on behalf of LGBTQIA+ clergy and lay partners in ministry, saying, “We are not something new to Christianity nor the UMC. We have been serving Christ’s church and have been standing next to you for decades, generations. We have served at great cost to our personal, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and we now stand before you as our authentic selves. We stand before you so that you may know and that you may hopefully understand that nothing has changed except your new awareness of our truth.” The congregation gave the Task Force a standing ovation during this emotional moment.

Adam Marshall-Lopez led the call to worship and the congregation sang “All are Welcome.” Jason Takagi led a prayer of invitation and invited the congregation to pass the peace. Phillip Valdes led a litany of affirmation. The congregation sang “Hymn of Promise.” Andrew Esposo offered a guided meditation prayer which concluded with the Lord’s Prayer. Pastor Vilma Cruz read Isaiah 43:1-5 in Spanish, while the English version appeared on the screen. The congregation sang the refrain of “Shepherd Me, O God.”

Pastor Christopher Riles offered a homily that spoke to his vision of a new church, based on Isaiah 43:1, which starts with a “but.” Captivity came before the “but,” and that includes full inclusion of all of God’s precious people. Captivity and pain and persecution have come before, but now, says the Lord, I see a new church.

Rev. Nestor Gerente read Isaiah 43:6-10a in Tagalog, while the English version appeared on the screen. The congregation sang the refrain of “Shepherd Me, O God.”

Rev. Mark Sturgess offered a homily that spoke to the importance of the new church being built on a renewed theological, biblical foundation, which sees each individual person as made in the image of God. Using the Tower of Babel as a metaphor, he said, “We have a desire to gather people together and impose unity on God’s given diversity. When humanity gives birth to an -ism, we put an image of ourselves on top and all those lower on the tower as lesser. Colonialism puts white males at the top. Homophobia puts reproductive sex at the top. Every once in a while, God comes down, laughs, and throws the whole thing to the ground. That is where our universal God walks - behind the particularity of each and every human soul.” The new church involves seeing the image of God in others, and allowing God to move in the life of each person.

Rick Cook read Isaiah 43:18-21 in English and the refrain was sung. The congregation sang the refrain from “Shepherd Me, O God.”

Rev. Denyse Barnes offered a homily that spoke to the importance of using labels for people and for churches that are life-giving and describe our commitment to the Gospel. Rev. Barnes challenged the congregation to be known by the ways
that we live according to mishpat, a Hebrew word used in Scripture to refer to God’s actions of justice and mercy, which are embodied in the life of Jesus Christ.

The congregation sang “In the Midst of New Dimensions.” Rev. Lewis offered an invitation to anointing and a benediction, followed by the opportunity to receive anointing in preparation for Plenary 2.

**Plenary 2**

**June 14, 2019, 9:30 AM**

As the body gathered, a video witness of vital ministry by Pastor Adrienne Zackery was shared.

**Call to Order** Bishop Grant J. Hagiya called Plenary Session 2 to order at 9:50 AM. Bishop Cynthia Harvey was invited to sit at the Bishop’s table. Bishop Hagiya recognized Rev. Dr. Ken Walden, President of Gammon Theological Seminary and introduced Rev. Preston Price, who provides wonderful leadership and served as parliamentarian. Bishop Hagiya thanked the team who are operating the livestream and invited the body to continue to pray for the Wingfield family: Rev. Myron Wingfield is recovering from surgery and his son had surgery yesterday.

**Orders of the Day** Rev. Cathie Capp moved the orders of the day. They were approved.

**Opening Business** Rev. Bob Rhodes reports no opening business for this plenary session.

**Announcements** Rev. Won-Seok Yuh greeted the Conference with “Aloha!” He thanked the members of the conference for their patience in receiving the voting devices. Rev. Yuh announced that Lost & Found is in Hunsaker Hall. The UM Daily is available in print and online. The hard copy has been posted in the Conference Secretary’s Tent. Resolution 19-24 was posted last night and can be found online.

**Present Consent Calendar** Rev. Lydia Sohn presented items on the consent calendar.

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Nominations for General / Jurisdictional Conference Delegates


2019 SAI/UMC Latino Youth Scholarship

Bob Arvizu, from the Spanish American Institute (SAI), introduced the president of the Institute, Leah Gallardo Switzer. Switzer announced the recipients of $1,000 SAI/UMC scholarships: Bibiana Posadas, Daisy Abigail Posadas, David Nieto, Leslie Lopez, and Vanessa Luna.

Switzer announced a new scholarship in honor of SAI alum, Cesar Lizárraga, whose roots go back to La Plaza UMC. Lizárraga’s son, David, founded TELACU (The East Los Angeles Community Union) in 1968 to focus on community and economic development, providing valuable products and services to the community. For more than three decades, the TELACU Education Foundation has transformed educational outcomes for thousands of first-generation students from under-resourced communities.

SAI and TELACU Education Foundation have partnered to create this scholarship in Lizárraga’s memory. The first SAI Cesar Lizárraga Scholarship goes to TELACU Scholar Stephanie Huaracha Rodriquez.

Bob Arvizu invited members of the body to adopt a piggy bank, fill it with donations for the scholarship fund, and bring it back to Annual Conference in 2020.

Disaster Response Task Force

Ken Ellis spoke on behalf of Judy Lewis, Cal-Pac UMVIM/Disaster Response Coordinator about the training that UMVIM/Disaster Response does to instruct individuals in the mission and work of providing a caring Christian presence in disasters. Ellis encouraged all persons 18 and older to take this training. Another focus of this Task Force is “Boots on the Ground.” Ellis thanked Karl Ports for leading efforts in fire areas, Don Howald for being the lead in the Woolsey Fire, and all the volunteers. A video of their service during the Woolsey Fire was presented.

General Board of Global Ministries

Rev. Dr. Judy Chung reported that the denomination is celebrating 200 years of shared mission and shared a video. The General Board of Global Ministries has four Missional Priorities: missionaries, disaster response and recovery, evangelism and church growth, and global health. There are currently over 350 missionaries serving all over the world who are supported by members of this annual conference. Rev. Dr. Chung thanked California-Pacific Conference for nurturing these missionaries for their work in the world, as they engage in church growth, evangelism, and crossing boundaries. Over 1,000 new faith communities have been started globally, including countries like Vietnam and Honduras. The missionaries work closely with local leaders in their evangelism and work, and many...
local leaders are being ordained or equipped as lay leaders, not only in the church, but in their communities and the world. In 2018, Global Ministries received nearly $34 million to support their work; total giving by California-Pacific was $420,000.

Rev. Dr. Chung shared one more mission priority, which is to achieve 1 million life saving interventions. We have achieved a little over 500,000 interventions that save the lives of children and support community health, maternal health, HIV testing, and so on. Rev. Dr. Chung shared that mission is about partnering and standing alongside one another in a loving, faithful response to God’s grace. Rev. Dr. Chung invited the body to consider the following practical steps: visit methodismission200.org and share stories of mission; support a California-Pacific missionary; fundraise for a global response; become a sister church to a mission church. Rev. Dr. Chung also invited the body to discern how God is calling California-Pacific to continue in both local and global mission. The body celebrated the commissioning of Cristian Mauricio Schlick Saldia as the Global Migration Missionary for Central America and Mexico, based in El Salvador. The body sang the first verse of “Here I Am Lord.”

Bishop Harvey assisted Bishop Hagiya in commissioning Saldia as a United Methodist missionary.

**Deaconess Commissioning** Bishop Harvey joined Bishop Hagiya in the commissioning of Cecil Bucud-Arceo as a Deaconess in The United Methodist Church. Bishop Hagiya then invited Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan to join him at the Bishops’ Table.

**Instructions for Voting** Rev. Bob Rhodes introduced Rev. Matt McPhee, Head Teller, who provided training regarding how to use the electronic voting devices.

**Electronic Devices: Survey Questions / Voting** Rev. Won-Seok Yuh and Rev. Paige Eaves led the body in practicing using their voting devices with a few survey questions. The first survey question was: “What is our breakdown by age?” The results were displayed.

Rev. Yuh shared that keypads can be used to survey feelings and opinions regarding General Conference and where we go from here. A worksheet with statements that represent the positions and perspectives of six different constituencies in our Annual Conference. The language of each has been vetted through an acknowledged leader or leaders of the constituency that champions this perspective.

Throughout the day, each statement will be surveyed using the keypads, so that everyone has room to express their opinions. Everyone should make a selection for each question so that complicated feelings on this issue can be shared. In addition to legislative decisions, this is a second way to let opinions be known. Seeing the diversity of our opinions is the point of the exercise. These are not votes, they are *survey questions*. Rev. Yuh invited the body to breathe in the Spirit and invite the Spirit to speak faithfully and truly.

Rev. McPhee presented another test Survey Question: "In worship, I am most likely to be distracted by … “ The results were displayed.

In response to questions, the following information about the voting process was clarified: three choices are required, voters must submit that number of choices or the vote will be invalid. If multiple votes for the same person are input, duplicates will be invalid. There is no way to vote for “no vote.” From the floor of the conference, Annie Solomon registered her discontent.

Rev. Terry Van Hook noted that this Survey Question is a compound question, which risks having disagreement on one part and agreement on the other part, and may make the results imprecise. Bishop Hagiya received his concern and said that survey results are not binding.
Rev. Yuh invited the body to respond to the following Survey Question: “1) I believe that the One Church Plan would have upheld an inclusive church while also giving space to congregations to discern in their own time and cultural context. I hope our Conference and/or Jurisdiction can create something like the One Church Plan.” The results were displayed.

Rev. Yuh stated that the other survey questions will be shared throughout the day. Rev. Rhodes advised the body that it will elect 3 clergy delegates and 3 lay delegates to General Conference, 8 clergy and lay delegates for jurisdictional conference, with 4 clergy and 4 lay alternatives. Rev. Rhodes introduced the first vote for lay delegates.

Rev. Nelson Castorillo asked for a moment of personal privilege to ask the body to vote with diversity in mind. Bishop Hagiya ruled his statement out of order since speeches are not allowed during times of voting.

A number of questions were asked, and the following clarifying information was shared: Local Pastors are classified as clergy. Voting members should vote for three names in order for their votes to be counted as eligible. Information about nominations from the Districts are included on the website, but information about persons nominated from the floor are not available. Only votes by laity will be counted as valid.

Bishop Hagiya shared a prayer for discernment.

Concerns about being able to see the information on the screen during voting was expressed by numerous members. Some seating is available in the front of the chapel. A concern about voting devices not working in the Media Team room was shared. Bishop Hagiya advised that the body would allow time for Media Team members to switch rooms in order to vote.

Caitlyn Anderson and Amanda Grimm chose to withdraw their names from consideration as delegates.

The Bishop called for the clergy to vote for 3 General Conference delegates. RESULTS: No election.

The first clergy ballot was announced. Rev. Molly Vetter and Rev. Sam Kim requested to withdraw their names from consideration as General Conference delegates, but to be considered for Jurisdictional Conference.

A concern was shared that two clergy were nominated from the floor but were not on the ballot; however, the paperwork was not provided. This is being corrected and will be in place after lunch.

Bishop Hagiya invited Caitlyn Anderson to close the body in prayer, and dismissed the body to lunch.

**Plenary 3**

**June 14, 2019, 1:30 PM**

**Call to Order** Bishop Grant J. Hagiya called the Plenary Session 3 to order at 1:35 pm.

**Orders of the Day** Rev. Cathie Capp moved the orders of the day. They were approved.

**Announcements** Pastor Lea Booth reminded the body to support the Young People by purchasing snacks at their snack shop and attending the young people’s gathering in the evening. Nomination lists for lay and clergy nominees have been added to the Conference Secretary’s website. The lists are not updated to include withdrawals, so members will need to pay attention to those changes. If members need to leave early, they should return their voting device in the narthex before departing.

**Clergy Delegates General Conference** Rev. Matt McPhee advised the voting members that if the voting device is dark, it can be turned back on by pushing the power button on the bottom right.
Rev. Nestor Gerente withdrew from consideration for General Conference since he is a translator, but would like to be considered for Jurisdictional Conference.

In response to a question, the Bishop confirmed that the ballot numbers have changed since the morning.

After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, the Bishop called for the clergy to vote for three delegates. RESULTS: No election.

A few people were having trouble with their devices in the balcony, and a teller was dispatched to help. After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, the Bishop called for the clergy to vote for three delegates. RESULTS: Rev. Dr. Cedrick Bridgeforth - 165 votes / 52.9%. was elected as General Conference Clergy Delegate #1.

**Board of Ordained Ministry**

Rev. Richard Garner, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, invited the body to celebrate the fruits of the labors of the local church, District Committees on Ordained Ministry, the Board of Ordained Ministry, and especially the clergy. This is a day that we recognize the Holy Spirit at work raising up new people to serve. Rev. Garner invited Rev. Dr. Elbert Kim to lead the body in celebration.

Rev. Dr. Kim expressed appreciation to the other members of the board who filled in for him in his absence on Thursday night. He presented Nicole Jeanne Armstrong for provisional membership and commissioning on the Deacon track; Richard Dean Annett, Dae Il Choi, Victor Leon Cyrus-Franklin, and Kathryn Steffanie Monforte for provisional membership and commissioning on the Elder track; Rev. Jeanette Marie Bragunier, Rev. Chelsea Laine Simon, and Rev. Melissa Catherine Spence for ordination as Deacon in Full Connection; and Rev. Pablo Daniel Ríovere and Rev. Hee Jung Yu for ordination as an Elder in Full Connection.

Bishop Hagiya, Bishop Cynthia Harvey, and Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan asked Wesley’s historic examination questions, and the candidates answered each one.

The Board welcomed Rev. Saul Montiel via transfer as an Elder in Full Connection from the Desert Southwest Conference. Rev. Montiel has been serving in our conference since 2014.

Rev. Garner recognized the ministry of Rev. Dr. Colleen Windham-Hughes, Chair of the Order of Deacons. The body expressed gratitude to Rev. Dr. Windham-Hughes with a standing ovation.

Rev. Garner and Anita Dunn presented what four members of the Board learned at a “Do No Harm” commission training. Participants were invited to think about ways to recognize those who are vulnerable to issues of sexuality and sexual interaction. Some signs of vulnerability that one might notice in a pastor include: “Is the pastor leading an isolated life? Showing signs of depression? Developing compulsive behavior? Are the hugs too long and increasing in discomfort? Do they ignore the need of vocations? Does the pastor hide family problems? Or show no signs of developing peer relationships? Is the pastor increasingly secretive about websites? Does the pastor flatter or seek to be flattered outside of personal relationships? Does the pastor seek extended social experiences outside of marriage? Does the pastor seek approval of actions that are obviously inappropriate? Does the pastor rationalize such actions? No observable spiritual practices? Does the pastor refuse to be a focus of prayer?” These are offered as possible red flags as we join with pastors in ministry. These red flags might invite any of you to speak with your D.S. about any concerns. Early intervention will avoid sexual misconduct and will grow the health of the congregation and the pastor.

The following Statement on Candidacy Standards can be found on the Board website and in the Board’s report: “We, the Board of Ordained Ministry of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, hold our clergy and candidates for ministry to the highest standards of faithful and holy living. Our practice upholds that people of all sexual orientations and gender identities can live up to our high standards for fitness, readiness, and effectiveness in ministry. At this historic moment in the United Methodist Church we support all efforts which bring justice to issues of human sexuality. We will continue to
give all candidates equal consideration because we believe this is the most faithful way to do our work. We stand in solidarity and fully support all of our colleagues, candidates and leaders in ministry, who endeavor to transform our world through God’s grace.”

Rev. Dr. Kim concluded the report. Bishop Hagiya thanked the Board and invited the body to show gratitude.

**Electronic Devices: Survey Questions / Voting** Rev. Rhodes announced that the laity would be voting for three General Conference Lay Delegates.

Carol Riggs withdrew from consideration for General Conference, but would like to be considered for Jurisdictional Conference. Amanda Grimm clarified that she wants to withdraw from consideration for General Conference, but would like to be considered for Jurisdictional Conference. Liz Roark withdrew from consideration for General Conference, but would like to be considered for Jurisdictional Conference. After a prayer led by Bishop Jordan, the Bishop called for the laity to vote for three delegates. **RESULTS: Monalisa Tu’itahi: 285 votes / 55.77%. Tu’itahi was elected as General Conference Lay Delegate #1.**

Per Rev. Barnes, Survey Question #3 will be skipped. Rev. Eaves introduced Survey Question #2: “I am relieved and grateful that the Traditional Plan prevailed, and I will support my church and Conference in upholding these measures in the denomination.” The poll was completed and the results were presented.

Rev. Barnes presented Survey Question #4: “On Saturday morning, which conversation will you join?”

Conversation 1: I do not support the decisions made at GC 2019 and want to gather with those who would like to see the AC or Jurisdiction disaffiliate from the UMC and create a model for a Methodist Church where each church can make their own decisions and strategies to this end.

Conversation 2: I support the decisions made at GC 2019. I would like to gather with like-minded people for support and to discuss options we might need to consider if the AC or Jurisdiction disaffiliate from the UMC.

Conversation 3: I do not support the decisions at GC 2019 and am still discerning what response is best. I would like to gather with others who share this space.

Conversation 4: I am ready to birth a new Methodism that is fully inclusive of all people. I want to gather with like-minded people to discuss how to make that happen.

Conversation 5: I do not support the decisions made at GC 2019 but want to remain in the UMC. I want to gather with like-minded people to discuss what resistance efforts might be effective to achieve this end.

Conversation 6: I would like the opportunity to ask more clarifying questions about where the denomination is and how our Annual Conference and Jurisdiction are responding so that I can report back to my local church more effectively.

The poll was successful and the results were presented, to aide in assigning appropriately sized rooms for these conversations.

Bishop Hagyia invited the clergy to vote for two General Conference clergy delegates.

Rev. Leandro Mark Marcos, Jr. withdrew from consideration for both General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Bishop Harvey led the body in prayer, the Bishop Hagyia called for the clergy to vote for two delegates. **RESULTS: No election.**
After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, Bishop Hagyia called for the clergy to vote for two delegates. RESULTS: No election.

Rev. Karen Clark Ristine withdrew from consideration for both Jurisdiction and General Conferences.

After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, the Bishop called for the clergy to vote for two delegates. RESULTS: Allison Mark - 158 / 53.20%. **Rev. Allison Mark is elected as General Conference Clergy Delegate #2.**

Rev. Richard Bentley, Rev. John Farley, and Rev. Frank Wulf withdrew from consideration for General Conference but would like to be considered for Jurisdictional Conference. After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, the Bishop called for the clergy to vote for one delegate. RESULTS: No election.

Rev. Nelson Castorillo withdrew from consideration for General Conference but would like to be considered for Jurisdictional Conference. Rev. Paul Kim withdrew from consideration for both General and Jurisdictional Conferences. After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, the Bishop called for the clergy to vote for one delegate. RESULTS: **Rev. Sandy Olewine - 179 / 58.12%  Rev. Olewine was elected as General Conference Clergy Delegate #3.**

Rev. Rhodes announced that the laity would be voting for two General Conference delegates in the next ballot.

Dione Taylor and Mele Faiva Blagoevich withdrew from consideration for General Conference delegates, but would like to be considered for Jurisdictional Conference. The results of the previous ballot were shown on the screen by request. After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, the Bishop called for the laity to vote for two delegates. **RESULTS: Mark Stephenson - 305 votes / 58.77%. Mark Stephenson was elected as General Conference Lay Delegate #2.**

Ted Smith withdrew from consideration for General Conference, but would like to be considered for Jurisdictional Conference. After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, the Bishop called for the laity to vote for one delegate. RESULTS: No election.

After another moment of silence to discern God’s will, Bishop Hagyia called for the laity to vote for one delegate. RESULTS: No election.

After an additional moment of silence to discern God’s will, the Bishop called for the laity to vote for one delegate. RESULTS: No election.

A concern was shared that some new members of the Conference do not know the nominees. Bishop Hagiya responded that is not possible to have them rise and state their name and church during plenary. Either all must do so, or none of them.

Erich Schmitt withdrew from consideration for General Conference, but would like to be considered for Jurisdictional Conference. After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, the Bishop called for the laity to vote for one delegate. **RESULTS: Mele Maka - 305 votes / 56.48%. Mele Maka was elected as General Conference Lay Delegate #3.**

Bishop Hagiya reminded the body that both clergy and laity will vote for eight delegates each to Jurisdictional Conference.

**Break** Bishop Hagiya called for a 10 minute break and asked that those who were nominated to go to the narthex during the break so that people can meet and greet them.

As the body returned from the break, a video depicting vital ministry at Christ UMC in Honolulu was shared. Bishop Hagiya shared that Christ UMC is the oldest Korean congregation in the United States.
Rev. Yuh introduced the next survey question: “The questions around human sexuality are critically important. I would like to see our denomination and Conference place equal emphasis on poverty, racism, and immigration.” The results of the poll were shared with the body.

Rev. Yuh introduced the next Survey Question: “I want a plan that allows our Conference and/or Jurisdiction to disaffiliate from the UMC and connect to a new liberative movement.” The results of the poll were shared with the body.

Bishop Hagiya reminded the body that we need to elect eight more people to both lay and clergy delegations to Jurisdictional Conference, and four alternates each. When entering the first vote, wait until the count on the screen reduces before placing the next vote. Three lay delegates to General Conference have already been elected, and they are automatically elected to the Jurisdictional Conference. The Discipline changed, and every delegate must be elected with a simple majority of 50% plus 1.

After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, the Bishop called for the laity to vote for eight delegates. RESULTS: JoAnn Fukumoto - 336 votes / 67.07%; Rachel Rhodes-Wickett Gipson - 279 votes / 55.60%; Erich Schmitt - 257 votes / 51.30%. Fukumoto was elected as Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #1, Gipson was elected as Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #2, Schmitt was elected as Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #3. They were recognized by the body.

After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, the Bishop called for the laity to vote for five delegates. RESULTS: Jason Takagi - 321 / 64.20%; Claire Williams - 299 / 59.80%; Dione Taylor - 266 / 53.20%; Mele Faiva Blagojevich - 253 / 50.60%. Takagi was elected as Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #4, Williams was elected as Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #5, Taylor was elected as Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #6, Blagojevich was elected as Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #7.

After a moment of silence to discern God’s will, Bishop Hagiya called for a laity vote for the final Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate. RESULTS: No one was elected.

Budget Q&A / Action (Vote) Archana Carey and Howard Hudson presented the proposed budget for 2020, which has been reduced by $1.3 million dollars. An alternative apportionment plan has been provided that allows congregations to support missions which will do no harm. Hudson moved approval of the budget. The Bishop called for the vote. It was approved.

Bishop Hagiya introduced Pita Taufatofua, lay person from Hollywood UMC who represented Tonga in two Olympics and has been a Methodist his whole life. His goal is to qualify in three Olympic games in three events.

Bishop Hagiya spoke a blessing over Taufatofua.

Cabinet Matters Rev. John Farley, Dean of the Cabinet, began the Cabinet’s report by acknowledging that ministry includes both endings and new beginnings. Rev. Farley read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

Rev. Mark Nakagawa, West District Superintendent, presented Resolution 19-17 for Discontinuance of La Tijera UMC. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Jim Powell, North District Superintendent, presented Resolution 19-10 for Closure of Woodland Hills First UMC. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Powell presented Resolution 19-11 for Closure of Valley Central UMC. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.
Rev. Powell presented Resolution 19-09 for Closure of Piru UMC. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon, East District Superintendent, presented Resolution 19-18 for Discontinuance of Big Bear Lake UMC. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. MacKinnon presented Resolution 19-19 for Discontinuance of Arlington UMC. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. MacKinnon presented Resolution 19-20 for Discontinuance of Community UMC of Desert Hot Springs. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. MacKinnon presented Resolution 19-21 for Discontinuance of First UMC of Barstow. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Farley led the body in prayer.

Rev. Farley reported that 61 certified candidates are serving as local pastors. There are also 45 candidates and 104 exploring candidates totaling 210 candidates who are called to ministry to lead the future church. He introduced Maya Usher, 17, a new candidate for ministry.

Maya Usher, who just completed 11th grade, shared her goal of becoming the Rev. Maya Usher in 2028. She shared about pastors and lay people who have influenced her, and of her vision to lead in a church where all people are welcome, where young people’s voices count for more than 7% of the annual conference, and that works for social justice. She ended with an invitation: “If you want to see a new church, just watch me.”

Rev. Farley concluded by acknowledging the question of whether The United Methodist Church will be around in the future, reflecting on how he asked his father that question when he was a candidate for ministry many years ago. He shared confidence that, although The United Methodist Church as we know it might not be here, as long as we have people like Maya whom God has called, Christ’s church will be around until the end of time.

Bishop Hagiya thanked Rev. Farley, noting that this weekend is his 40th wedding anniversary, and that he has excused Rev. Farley from tomorrow’s meetings to celebrate with his wife, Sue.

Howard Hudson moved approval of Recommendation 19-08, the 2020 Quotas and Special Offerings. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote. It was approved.

Rev. George Hooper moved that laity complete their elections before dinner and that clergy reconvene after the Memorial Service to finish their elections. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Electronic Devices: Survey Questions / Voting Amanda Grimm and Cheryl Riggs withdrew from consideration for the Jurisdictional Conference delegation. After calling for prayers for discernment, Bishop Hagiya called for the election of a final lay delegate to Jurisdictional Conference. RESULTS: Stuart Ahn - 246 votes / 51.04%. Ahn was elected as Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #8.

After a brief time of silence to seek God’s will, Bishop Hagiya called for the laity to vote for four alternate lay delegates to Jurisdictional Conference. RESULTS: Phillip Valdes - 351 votes / 75.48%, Andrew Esposo - 253 / 54.62%, and Liz Roark - 344 / 50.11%. Valdes was elected as Alternate Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #1. Esposo was elected as Alternate Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #2. Roark was elected as Alternate Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #3.
After a brief time of silence to seek God’s will, Bishop Hagiya called for the laity to vote for one alternate lay delegate to Jurisdictional Conference. **RESULTS: Katharine Henry - 291 / 62.31%. Henry was elected as Alternate Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegate #4.**

Rev. Paige Eaves invited the body to respond to a Survey Question: “I believe that we should stay within the UMC connection and continue to resist and reform.” The poll was successful and the results were displayed.

Rev. Eaves invited the body to respond to a Survey Question: “As for me and my church, we are no longer interested in being part of the United Methodist connection or the Cal-Pac Conference. We are actively considering disaffiliation and either connecting with a different denomination or continuing as an independent congregation.” The poll was successful and the results were displayed.

Rev. Eaves invited the body to respond to a final survey question: “I appreciate this opportunity to participate in surveys and see instant results, but can I just say that I have mixed feelings about these keypads?” The poll was successful and the results were displayed. Rev. McPhee gave instructions on returning voting devices.

Rev. Denyse Barnes shared locations for Saturday morning Conversations:
1. Clarifying Questions - University Club
2. Support Decision of GC 2019 - North Hall Lounge
3. Do not support GC 2019; want to remain in UMC - University Hall
4. Do not support GC 2019; want to disaffiliate - Watchorn 107
5. Ready to birth a new Methodism - Orton 104 Grove Room
6. Do not support GC 2019, still discerning response - Orton 108 Palm Lounge

Rev. Allison Mark announced that childcare will remain open after the Memorial Service, during the clergy voting tonight. Rev. Mark offered a closing prayer.

**A Service of Remembrance, Resurrection, and Holy Communion**

*June 14, 2019, 7:00 PM*

“Prelude on Rhosymedre” by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was played as the congregation gathered. Francis Fukumoto led the call to worship and the congregation sang “For All the Saints”. Bishop Grant J. Hagiya facilitated a time of remembrance. Bishop Charles W. Jordan named Bishops who died in the previous year: Bishop Benjamin Chamness, Bishop Judith Craig, Bishop William B. Oden, and Bishop C. Dale White. Mrs. Margaret Crawford Jordan named spouses of Bishops who died in the previous year: Mary Ann Hunt and Mary Jean Russell.


Carl Williams, Vice Chair of the Board of Pension and Health Benefits, listed spouses of Conference ordained and diaconal ministers who died in the previous year: John Bohler, Dorothy Taylor Duncan, Joyce Fiske, Masaye Fujita, Patricia Hoffman, Hildegard Knierim, Robert Middle, Portia Pasamonte, Florence Perry, Loyce Sharp, and Ann Thede.

Conference Lay Leaders Phil and Connee Freeman named Susan Bonaparte, lay person of the Annual Conference who died in the previous year, and invited the congregation to name others aloud.
Bishop Hagiya offered a prayer for those who transitioned to life eternal and the congregation sang “For All the Saints”.


JoAnn Fukumoto called for and blessed the offering given in support of a scholarship fund for Native Hawaiians. While the offering was collected Rev. Gregory Norton played “Elegy” by George Thalban-Ball. Following the offering, the congregation sang a doxology.

Bishop Hagiya, Bishop Jordan, and Rev. Rich Garner presided over a service of Holy Communion. Tania Batson sang during the distribution of Communion. After all received, Bishop Hagiya offered a prayer after communion and the congregation sang “All the Saints in Glory” Rev. Garner offered the benediction and a postlude, “Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare God’s Glory” by Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739), was played.

**Plenary 3 Supplemental**

**June 14, 2019, 8:25 PM**

Bishop Grant J. Hagiya opened the session with prayer.

**Electronic Devices: Survey Questions / Voting** Rev. Matt McPhee gave instructions that the clergy would elect eight Jurisdictional Conference delegates and four alternate delegates. He reminded the body that three General Conference delegates were elected in the afternoon plenary.

Rev. Michael (Drew) Davis withdrew from consideration.

After a time of silence, Bishop Hagiya called for the election of eight clergy delegates. RESULTS: Rev. Molly Vetter - 140 votes / 61.14% and Rev. Tom Choi - 133 votes / 58.08%. Rev. Vetter was elected Jurisdictional Conference Clergy Delegate #1. Rev. Choi was elected Jurisdictional Conference Clergy Delegate #2.


After a time of silence, Bishop Hagiya called for the vote of two clergy delegates. RESULTS: No election.

After a time of silence, Bishop Hagiya called for the election of two clergy delegates. RESULTS: Rev. Patricia Farris - 131 / 54.36% and Rev. Dr. Judy Chung - 129 / 53.53% were elected. Rev. Farris was elected as Jurisdictional Conference Clergy Delegate #7. Rev. Dr. Chung was elected as Jurisdictional Conference Clergy Delegate #8.

Bishop Hagiya instructed that four alternate delegates to Jurisdictional Conference would also be elected. After a time of silence, Bishop Hagiya called for the election of four clergy alternates. RESULTS: No one was elected.

After a time of silence, Bishop Hagiya called for the clergy to vote for four clergy alternates. RESULTS: Rev. Sam B. Kim - 136 / 58.87%. Rev. Kim was elected as alternate Jurisdictional Conference Alternate Clergy Delegate #1.

After a time of silence, Bishop Hagiya called for the clergy to vote for three clergy alternates. RESULTS: Rev. Eugene Han - 120 / 51.50%. Rev. Han was elected as alternate Jurisdictional Conference Alternate Clergy Delegate #2.
Rev. Jessica Strysko withdrew from consideration.

After a time of silence, Bishop Hagiya called the clergy to vote for two clergy alternates. RESULTS: No one was elected.

After a time of silence, Bishop Hagiya called the clergy to vote for two clergy alternates. RESULTS: Rev. Tonya S. Harris - 148 / 62.18% and Rev. Mandy McDow - 140 / 58.82%. Rev. Harris was elected alternate Jurisdictional Conference Alternate Clergy Delegate #3. Rev. McDow was elected as alternate Jurisdictional Conference Alternate Clergy Delegate #4.

Rev. McPhee thanked the tellers who stayed late to help with the voting. He also thanked Curt Cotter who facilitated the elections. From the Conference floor, Rev. Jim Powell asked the gathering to pray for a clergy person who is now back in the hospital undergoing tests. Bishop Hagiya thanked the clergy for remaining late and dismissed the Session.

**Young People's Late Night Gathering**

**June 14, 2019, 9:00 PM**

Walking up to University Hall, the Young People's worship band attracted people of all ages to gather, dance, and be in community. Fun and laughter was shared and familiar games were available for the group to play. The worship band led a wild game of musical chairs. The gathering enjoyed singing and listening to karaoke with a wide variety of music, including Queen’s “Bohemian Rhapsody,” Phantom of the Opera, and popular radio music. All enjoyed experiencing the many talents that the young people in our Annual Conference embody.

**Commissioning and Ordination Service**

**June 15, 2019, 9:15 AM**

As the congregation gathered, organ, brass, and timpani played “Chaconne” by Louis Couperin (1668-1733), “Holy is God the Lord” from “Elijah” by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), and “Entrata Festiva” by Flor Peeters (1903-1986).

The congregation sang “Lift High the Cross” as those involved in worship processed to the stage. Bishop Grant J. Hagiya shared a greeting and a prayer, and led the congregation in a recognition of common ministry and reaffirmation of baptism.

Bishop Hagiya asked, “Who presents these candidates to be ordained or commissioned?” The laity recommended the candidates in their local congregations and offered their prayer and support. The Board of Ordained Ministry confirmed the examination of the candidates and offered their prayers and support. Rev. M. Cherie Jones presented the following persons for ordination as deacons: Rev. Jeanette Marie Bragunier, Rev. Chelsea Laine Simon, and Rev. Melissa Catherine Spence. Members of the Order of Deacons offered their prayers and support. Rev. Jones presented the following persons for ordination as elders: Rev. Pablo Daniel Róvere, Rev. Hee Jung Yu. Members of the Order of Elders offered their prayers and support.

Rev. Sunyoung Lee presented the following person for commissioning as provisional deacon: Nicole Jeanne Armstrong. Rev. Lee presented the following persons for commissioning as elders: Richard Dean Annett, Dae Il Choi, Victor Leon Cyrus-Franklin, and Kathryn Steffanie Monfortte. The Board of Ordained Ministry offered their prayers and support. Bishop Hagiya asked the congregation to declare their assent for the ordination and commissioning of the candidates.
Bishop Hagiya, Bishop Felipe Ruiz, Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan, and Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey then examined the candidates.


Bishop Hagiya welcomed the three visiting Bishops and introduced Bishop Harvey as the preacher. He shared that she is a second career minister, beginning as an executive and bringing those gifts to the ministry and as Bishop.

Bishop Harvey preached a homily that spoke to learning to act as God acts and create spaces where the distinct skills and roles of various members of the body work together to allow the Spirit to move and add to our number those who are being saved.

Bishop Harvey affirmed that leaders of the church witness signs and wonders everyday, and have the privilege of being present with people in the midst of living and dying. Church leaders are companions, shepherds, and curators who help others find healing.

Bishop Harvey invited members of the congregation to look at their hands and consider the countless things those hands have done: the meals, the miles, the hands they have held, the people they have helped. Bishop Harvey asked the congregation to look at their hands again and consider how they might help them to act like God. She asked the congregation to consider how God wants to act and speak through each of us.

Bishop Harvey thanked the candidates and commended their courage for responding to God’s call with a faithful response of “Here I am, Lord. Send me!” even as the church faces brokenness. Bishop Harvey affirmed that God is still calling people, and that every area of expertise is sitting in the pews of the local church; people are just waiting to be asked to participate. Bishop Harvey encouraged the congregation to cultivate in their local churches a passion for lifelong learning, vocation, and an ability to listen to God’s voice, which says that we are all children of God. Bishop Harvey ended with a prayer from “The Anatomy of Peace” which affirmed that God is doing a new thing in the world, in the church, and in you.

Monalisa Tu’itahi led the congregation in the Apostle’s Creed.

As the Candidates for Provisional Membership stood behind the Communion Table, Bishops Hagiya, Ruiz, Jordan, and Harvey acknowledged the work of the Holy Spirit in the candidates’ lives and invited the congregation to continue to pray for them as they prepare for ordained ministry. Bishop Hagiya offered a prayer for the candidates. The candidates knelt before Bishop Hagiya one at a time and he laid hands upon each candidate and prayed. As each candidate was commissioned, those present to support them stood. Rev. Nicole Jeanne Armstrong was commissioned as a Provisional Deacon. Rev. Richard Dean Annett, Rev. Dae Il Choi, Rev. Victor Leon Cyrus-Franklin, and Rev. Kathryn Steffanie Monfortte were commissioned as Provisional Elders. Bishop Hagiya offered a prayer for the newly commissioned candidates.

As the Candidates for Ordination as Deacon stood behind the Communion Table, Bishops Jordan, Hagiya, and Harvey examined them for Ordination as a Deacon and then Bishops Hagiya and Ruiz prayed for them. As the candidates knelt one at a time before Bishop Hagiya, all those present to support them stood. Bishops Hagiya, Harvey, Jordan, and Ruiz placed hands on each candidate’s head while their District Superintendent, support person, and clergy support person placed a hand on the candidate’s shoulder. Each ordinand placed their hands on the Bible, Bishop Hagiya charged them to take their authority as a Deacon. Each ordinand received a stole to represent the mantle they took up. Rev. Jeanette Marie Bragunier, Rev. Chelsea Laine Simon, Rev. Melissa Catherine Spence were ordained as Deacons.

As the Candidates for Ordination as Elder stood behind the Communion Table, Bishops Hagiya, Harvey, and Jordan examined them for Ordination as an Elder and then Bishops Hagiya and Ruiz prayed over them. As the candidates knelt one at a time before Bishop Hagiya, all those present to support them stood. Bishops Hagiya, Harvey, Jordan, and Ruiz
placed hands on each candidate’s head while their District Superintendent, support person, and clergy support person placed a hand on the candidate’s shoulder. Each ordinand placed their hands on the Bible, Bishop Hagiya charged them to take their authority as an Elder. Each ordinand received a stole to represent the mantle they took up. Rev. Pablo Daniel Róvere and Rev. Hee Jung Yu were ordained as Elders.

The congregation sang “Sweet, Sweet Spirit.”

Veda Ward invited the congregation to give to the offering, which supported the internship program created by Conference Leadership and Discipleship Ministries. “Grand Choeur Dialogue” by Eugène Gigout (1844-1925) and arranged by Jaebon Hwang was played. The congregation sang the doxology and Rev. Hee Jung Yu shared a prayer.

Bishop Hagiya invited the gathering to a time of confession. After corporate prayer and a time of silence, Bishop Harvey offered words of assurance and pardon. Bishops Hagiya, Harvey, Ruiz, and Jordan consecrated Holy Communion and each member of the congregation prayed the Lord’s Prayer in their native language. Bishop Harvey broke the bread and Bishop Hagiya blessed the cup. Bishop Hagiya invited members of the congregation who feel a call to some kind of ministry to meet with one of the District Superintendents. The congregation was invited to receive Holy Communion while the Tongan Caucus sang traditional Tongan hymns. After communion, Bishop Hagiya led a prayer and worship concluded with “The Church’s One Foundation.” The organ, brass, and timpani played “Toccata from Symphony No. 5” by Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937) as the postlude.

Bishop’s Awards
June 15, 2019, 1:30 PM

Bishop Grant J. Hagiya welcomed the gathering to a celebration of distinguished clergy and laypersons who have devoted their lives to extraordinary service in The United Methodist Church and the California-Pacific Annual Conference. Recipients of the 2019 Bishop’s Awards were: Rev. Dr. Faith Joanne Conklin, Kenneth Ellis, Rev. Edward A. Hoffman (posthumously), Rev. Dr. Woong-Min Kim, Rev. Ken E. McMillan (posthumously), Tyler Pottenger, Tetsu Tanimoto, and George Williams. The recipient or a representative shared a reflection on their ministry and the award.

Bishop Hagiya lead the group in hearty applause and announced a brief time of greeting in the lobby. The next session was scheduled to convene in ten minutes.

Plenary 4
June 15, 2019, 3:00 PM

Call to Order Bishop Grant J. Hagiya called the body to order.

Orders of the Day Rev. Cathie Capp moved the orders of the day. They were approved.

Announcements Rev. Won-Seok Yuh celebrated the new technology use the day before and reminded the body to please return all voting devices. Bishop Hagiya affirmed his excitement and encouraged return of the devices. Resolutions 19-24 and 19-25 were added to the legislation to be considered. Rev. Yuh announced that room keys and meal cards are to be returned by 8:00 pm.

Vote: Consent Calendar Rev. Lydia Sohn offered thanks to all who served in legislative sessions and presented the consent calendar, which includes all items that were supported by an 80% vote in concurrence or in non-concurrence. Rev. Sohn moved the Consent Calendar.

Ted Smith moved removal of Resolution 19-07 from the Consent Calendar. It was seconded. He asked, “Can an Annual Conference disavow General Conference?” Rev. Sohn explained that by the conference rules, there must be 50 votes to remove a Resolution. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was not supported. Bishop Hagiya noted that the staff will check on constitutionality.
Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the Consent Calendar and it was supported.

Honoring Our Retired Clergy (Video) Videos were shown celebrating the ministry of Rev. Ramona Cass, Rev. Craig Dorval, Rev. Rich Garner, and Rev. Virginia Wheeler.

Legislative Items Not on Consent Calendars Rev. Sohn introduced Resolution 19-13, “Do No Harm Each Other in The United Methodist Church,” which received 35% of the vote in concurrence as amended at legislative session. The resolution received many amendments but was not approved. Bishop Hagiya noted that a portion of the resolution was out of order and explained that as the resolution stands, it cannot be passed as it infringes on the rights of the SPRC. No questions were raised. Bishop Hagiya ruled Resolution 19-13 out of order.

Rev. Sohn moved Resolution 19-14 “Preparing for Amicable Separation of The United Methodist Church” which received 58.18% of the vote for concurrence at legislative session. Rev. Richard Bentley moved “to send Resolution 19-14 to the new task force created in RES 19-06. It was seconded. The task force would be charged with how to move forward. Rev. Bentley said that the Resolution does not have clear language. Rev. Hakchoon Lim, Laguna Hills Korean UMC, spoke in favor of referral. He shared the pain that he has experienced as a result of the conflict between progressives and traditionalists. Rev. Lim expressed that his community is experiencing and referenced the story of Abraham and Lot’s physical separation in Genesis. Rev. Riley McRae spoke against the motion, but in support of Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and other communities who are in pain and need to be listened to. Rev. McRae shared what Rev. Lim taught him. Bishop Hagiya said one person cannot speak for another person. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion to refer and it was supported.

Rev. Sohn moved Resolution 19-24, “Staff ‘Change Navigator.'” Bishop Hagiya ruled that the resolution has financial implications and according to our Rules cannot go forward until it is considered by Conference Finance & Administration. Bishop Hagiya stated that the 2020 Budget needs to be reduced and this would add $100,000.

Rev. George Hooper moved “refer Resolution 19-24 be referred to the SRC” Staff Relations Committee.

Rev. Mark Ulrickson, an author of Resolution 19-24, noted that he was told not to take it to CFA. He was concerned with referring it versus giving clear directions. There was no statement from the body showing support.

Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion to refer and it was supported.

Rev. Sohn moved Resolution 19-25, “Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops to Convene Special WJ Conference.”

Rev. Richard Bentley spoke in favor of the resolution. He noted that during the 2017 Annual Conference a similar resolution was passed before the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference, but no other annual conference passed a similar resolution. Other annual conferences have asked Cal-Pac asking to pass this resolution. He said that this opportunity for dialogue would help the Western Jurisdiction discern what to do going forward.

Howard Hudson, Chair of Conference Finance and Administration, noted that a budget for 2020 has already been passed and asked if there is a fiscal impact that needs to be considered before voting. Bishop Hagiya ruled that there is not room in the Jurisdictional budget for a Special Session of Jurisdictional Conference.

Rev. Gilbert Stones asked if it is possible to have the 2020 Jurisdictional Conference before General Conference. Bishop Hagiya answered that this would be unconstitutional.

Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.
Rev. Sohn reported that the legislation for 2019 had been concluded. There was hearty applause.

Rev. Michele Johns asked for a point of personal privilege. She voiced concerns about how Resolution 19-14 regarding amicable separation was handled. The body moved on quickly and she was concerned that persons in the body did not have time to speak. Rev. Johns did not want anyone to feel silenced and said “I am sorry” and promised to listen. Rev. Johns was thanked by Bishop Hagiya.

Bishop Hagiya reported that there will be listening posts throughout the conference where everyone will be invited to speak up and be heard. He asked local churches to host these gatherings and invited congregations and individual people to use grassroots organizing to join in dialogue and connection with one another.

Ted Smith asked for a point of order. He stated that the Bishop ended the legislative session without ruling on constitutionality of Resolution 19-07.

Rev. Bentley spoke from the floor, reporting that questions of constitutionality may be resolved by petitioning the Judicial Court or by submitting a request for a ruling of law in writing, which requires approval by 50% of the body.

Introduction of 2020 GC/JC Delegates Bishop Hagiya recognized the delegates and alternates elected to the 2020 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. There was great support and applause.

General Conference delegates are:
Rev. Dr. Cedrick Bridgeforth
Monalisa Tuitahi
Rev. Allison Mark
Mark Stephenson
Rev. Sandra Olewine
Mele Maka

Jurisdictional Conference delegates are:
Rev. Molly Vetter
JoAnn Fukumoto
Rev. Dr. Tom Choi
Rachel Rhodes-Wickett Gipson
Rev. John Farley
Erich Schmitt
Rev. Frank Wulf
Jason Takagi
Rev. Darin Arntson
Claire Williams
Rev. Richard Bentley
Dione Taylor
Rev. Patricia Farris
Mele Faiva Blagoevich
Rev. Dr. Judy Chung
Stuart Ahn

Reserve delegates include:
Rev. Sam B. Kim
Phil Valdes
Bishop Hagiya invited Monalisa Tuitahi and Rev. Dr. Cedrick Bridgeforth to speak as the lead lay and clergy delegates to the 2020 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. They thanked the body for their trust and confidence. Monalisa Tuitahi shared a favorite proverb: "If you want to travel fast, then travel alone. If you want to travel long and far, then let’s travel together.” Rev. Bridgeforth invited the body to work together to participate in listening posts and include everyone. He reminded that body that “it takes all of us to change and transform the world.”

Rev. Terry Van Hook moved “That our General and Jurisdictional delegation organize in the next ten months a series of debates and panels that would be held in various part of our Annual Conference covering full and in-depth presentation of the issue of homosexuality and our Book of Discipline. These efforts would include Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience. I. Scripture: a conference wide study of the letter of Galatians with other passages of scripture, such as Matthew 23 and other related passages along with a theological panel representing Progressive, Centrist, and Traditional Biblical scholars; II. Tradition: A presentation on the tradition of the church over the centuries in dealing with sex and sexuality; III. Reason: A presentation of the current state of homosexuality in the areas of psychological, sociology, and cultural understandings of homosexuality; IV. Experience: to encourage the listening and sharing of stories and insights between our members, as encouraged by our Bishop Grant Hagiya.”

The motion was seconded. Rev. Van Hook spoke to the motion, saying that his heart is troubled by his perceived lack of reflective conversation. He referenced prior conversations about baptism, communion, nuclear weapons, and slavery. He asked that the body make decisions on more than just emotion.

Bishop Hagiya indicated that this work is already in progress and noted that current efforts would not be bound by this motion.

Rev. Dan Lewis spoke against the motion, saying that groups in the denomination have done very in-depth theological studies on the topic of homosexuality and reported back to General Conference. Their determination was that there is no reason to discriminate against LGBTQIA+ persons. However, the General Conference has not accepted these findings.

Rev. Jennifer Gutierrez spoke against the motion, saying that the language of panels and debates are restrictive. Robert’s Rules of Order only allows pro and con positions, but she would prefer the listening posts that are already proposed as the mechanism. She is looking for a grassroots forum to organize and gather with others who may have different opinions, hoping that this method will help bind us together.

Bishop Hagiya invited someone to speak for the motion.

Jason Takagi spoke against the motion, saying that as someone who identifies as gay, he does not see debating whether he is welcome in the church as a helpful use of time. He indicated that listening posts are extremely valuable.

Bishop Hagiya asked congregation not to clap, but rather to decide individually after hearing both sides and reflecting. He offered Rev. Van Hook the final word in favor.

Rev. Van Hook indicated that the reason that this came out was not to make a pre-judgement of whether people are included or not. There are negatives and positives on both sides and many people in the middle who do not have all the information.
Ted Smith spoke in favor of the motion, saying that he helped write Resolution 19-14 with some of the more traditional caucuses. He acknowledged that the conversation is important, but that traditionalists feel left out when they see the goal as defying General Conference. He would prefer everyone to be able to participate in the dialogue.

Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was not supported.

Nominations Report Liz Roark, Nominations Chair, presented the Nominations Report (PR 44-45). Roark encouraged the body to notice people with gifts and graces and share their names and contact information with the Nominations Committee. Roark asked the body to email her with information and ideas for improvement. Roark thanked Rev. Myron Wingfield and all who were finishing their term of service on the Committee. Roark moved Recommendation 19-10 on Conference Secretary’s web page, including the Addendum.

Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Direction Forward Rev. Denyse Barnes thanked the body for participating in the morning conversations and thanked the volunteers who ensure everyone is heard. She will receive the feedback, which will provide a clearer vision of where we are as a conference. From now through December 2019 there will be a series of listening posts offered. The committee is looking for people to join the team and is intentionally working to ensure that all viewpoints are present. Listening post teams will attend training for cross cultural conversations. This work will be completed by the end of January 2020 and Bishop Hagiya will discern a way forward for Cal-Pac by the end of March 2020.

Rev. Frank Wulf inquired about the status of the Orchard House property. Archana Carey, Conference Treasurer, said that the Cabinet approved its sale, as the property was not being used for any other purpose, except being rented and that the property required a lot of maintenance. Currently, the property is in escrow. The Conference Trustees have been addressing the matter.

Rev. Frank Wulf moved that “Upon the conclusion of the sale of the Orchard House property by the Board of Trustees, all decisions related to the disposition of proceeds from the sale be made in consultation with the Cabinet and the Higher Education and Campus Ministry Council of the California-Pacific Conference.” The motion was seconded.

Archana Carey indicated that the funds were approved as an endowment used for campus ministry and supplement the budget, which continues to decrease. Rev. Wulf indicated that he would still like Higher Education & Campus Ministry to be involved in the decision process. Archana Carey indicated that the board will be invited to the next meeting.

Anna Genislow spoke in favor of the motion, saying that the funds need to be invested in young people.

Rev. Blaire Trygstad Stowe, Chair of Higher Education & Campus Ministry, spoke in favor. She supports the motion because of the nature of the complex conversations about the ministry. These funds should be used for campus ministry. She would appreciate the body’s support. The committee is working with the Conference Trustees.

Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett raised a point of information to confirm that the materials by Rev. Barnes are available. She also mentioned that there are new people at the conference so materials should be available for everyone in all the languages of our conference. She also asked that listening posts would have translators available.

Bishop Hagiya agreed to try to accommodate as much as possible.
COSROW Report  Rev. Kalesita Tu’ifua presented the Commission on the Status and Role of Women’s report in Krista McVey’s stead. Rev. Tu’ifua encouraged the body to commit to equality and the full participation of women in church. COSROW monitors the opportunities available for women to speak, be included, and participate in leadership. Cal-Pac is a diverse conference and includes women as members of task forces, elected delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences, and missionaries. Bishop Cynthia Harvey preached and Bishop MaryAnn Swenson was also present.

Rev. Tu’ifua raised areas of concern: translation of documents, accessibility, more men than women or people of color were speaking (although more women spoke on Saturday). She invited to body to allow more women and people of color to speak up. Rev. Tu’ifua closed saying, “Overall, well done Cal-Pac annual conference.”

Rev. Gregory Douglass, Native American UMC, asked for a moment of personal privilege. Rev. Douglass thanked the body for the generous outpouring of donations for native high school students at a local Indian school. He is looking forward to telling the students that The United Methodist Church donated the items.

Bishop Hagiya acknowledged and thanked Dan Griffin for his service to our conference, as he is stepping down.

Bishop Hagiya lifted up the work of Tongan athlete Pita Taufatofua and invited the body to consider making a personal donation to help him fulfill his dream to go to three Olympics Games in three different events.

Bishop Hagiya moved setting the dates of the 2020 California-Pacific Annual Conference as June 18-20, 2020. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.

Bishop Hagiya moved setting the location of the 2020 California-Pacific Annual Conference as the University of Redlands. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.

Sessions Committee. Bishop Hagiya thanked Rev. Bob Rhodes and Rev. Cathie Capp who were new to their positions. He also thanked James Kang, the media team and volunteers, the Cal-Pac staff who move their offices to Redlands every year, Connie and Philip Freeman (Conference Lay Leaders), the band, Rev. Greg Norton, and all of the musicians. The body responded enthusiastically with applause.

Rev. Jim Powell offered prayers for Rev. Seung-il Whang, who is now cancer free but has an unrelated infection. He is in hospital and should be out Monday.

Honoring Our Retired Clergy (video) Videos were shown celebrating the ministry of several clergy: Rev. Diane Rehfield, Rev. Dwight Sullivan, Rev. Virginia Wheeler, Rev. Mark Wiley, Rev. Terry Van Hook, and Rev. Tom Ziegert.

Closing Business  Rev. Bob Rhodes invited Sonja Cayetano, youth delegate, to speak. She moved the 35th session of the Cal-Pac Annual Conference be adjourned at the close of the youth-led worship service. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was enthusiastically supported.

Sending Forth Service
June 15, 2019, 4:50 PM

The closing worship was led under the direction and leadership of the California-Pacific Young People. The congregation sang “By the Rivers of Babylon” as worship began. Claire Williams and Josh Jones offered the welcome and introduction, then the worship team led the congregation in singing “Peace like a River,” “I Love You, Lord” and “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.” The congregation shared a prayer of confession and sang “New Wine.” Menora Taufalele shared a prayer of illumination. Rev. Allison Mark, Christian Schlick, Caitlyn Anderson, Olivia Trinidad, and Zachary Rhodes read Isaiah 43:15-21 (CEB) Rev. Won-Seok Yuh led the congregation in singing “As the Deer.”
A video message was shared, in which members of the Annual Conference shared their visions of a new church and repeated the phrase, “I am the stream,” referring to the stream of life in Isaiah 43. Christy Watkins, Sarah Bankhead, Peta Teaupa, Eunice Kim, and a Samoan Fellowship group offered prayers of petition. Katharine Henry invited the congregation to pass the peace. The congregation sang “This is Not the End” and a brand new song, “You’re Doing A New Thing,” written at this Annual Conference by Rev. Won-Seok Yuh.

Bishop Hagya thanked the Young People for their service and invited them to give the congregation renewed energy. The young people ended the worship service by surrounding Bishop Hagiya on the stage, taking a group photo, and leading the congregation in the UMYF Benediction.