Ms. Latu Mafoa‘aeata opened worship by blowing the pu. Rev. Tom Choi offered a greeting to the Annual Conference. Ms. Helena Ogle led the virtual gathering in a responsive Call to Worship. The First UMC of Honolulu Pancakes and Praise Band led the gathering in celebrating the diversity of the islands while singing “Glory, Glory, Lord.” Rev. Janet Cromwell introduced the Conference theme, “We Are the Church: Transforming the World,” and the Scripture, Acts 4: 1-37. Ms. Kim Houff offered an Opening prayer. The Scripture was shared by Rev. Julie Elkins, Mr. Josh Lopez-Reyes, Rev. Allison Mark, Mr. Adam Marshall-Lopez, Rev. Jeania Ree Moore, and Rev. Gary Williams. Dr. Lloyd Mallory & Lloyd Mallory Singers sang “My Faith Looks Up to Thee.” Rev. Linita Moa offered the benediction, and the gathering sang “We Are The Church.” The young people of the Annual Conference led 8 minutes and 46 seconds of silence after inviting the body to reaffirm their baptismal vows, stand in solidarity with the Black community, and acknowledge that systematic racism still has a stronghold over our nation.

Call to Order Bishop Grant J. Hagiya called the session to order with a reminder of the meaning of Juneteenth and gratitude for those who prepared worship and the young people who offered prophetic leadership.

Orders of the Day Rev. Cathie Capp moved the orders of the day. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Opening Business Rev. Bob Rhodes moved to set the bar of the 36th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference to be: Members of the Conference as specified by the Discipline and the Rules of the Conference as well as lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry; the Bishop’s Secretary; and such other persons as specified by the Bishop and approved by the Conference; authenticated and connected through the Zoom Webinar and/or present in our broadcast location; and the staff and technical crew. The Registrar and others designated by the Registrar shall ensure that online participants are among those named. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.
Rev. Rhodes moved that the Agenda and the Participant Guide be the official agenda of this 36th 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 36th 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 Registrar’s list of those who have signed in to the online presence shall be provided to the Bishop and the Conference Secretary and this shall be considered the Roll Call of the 36th 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 36th 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.**

**Announcements** Rev. Won-Seok Yuh thanked the Media Team, Communications Team, and James Kang for their hard work preparing for this online process. Rev. Yuh invited the gathering to review the Participant Guide. In particular, he noted that the Q&A should only be used for official church business and is not part of the official record of the plenary session. He asked the body to use the chart in the Participant Guide to form requests. Rev. Yuh asked participants to avoid log-in issues by logging in 30 minutes before Zoom plenary sessions and not logging out during the breaks. Bishop Hagiya acknowledged the difficulty of online meeting and hoped the breaks would be helpful for the body.


**Rules Changes** Rev. Rhodes moved **Rule 20-01 - Technical/Virtual Conference Sessions. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.**

**Bishop’s Ruling of Law** Rev. Richard Bentley requested a Decision of Law related to joint Charge Conferences, membership and voting in the joint Charge Conference, and the agenda. Bishop Hagiya released his Decision of Law on June 19, 2020, which will be forwarded to the Judicial Council for review.

**Delegation Team** Rev. Denyse Barnes & the General Conference delegation shared a video summary of their work with listening posts and surveys. Questions or concerns can be sent to gc2020@calpacumc.org. The report will be available on http://www.calpacumc.org/gc2020/ after the session. The delegation offered the following questions to consider: What does the theology of one table mean to you? Where have you been welcomed at a table? What difference did it make? How does God’s grace enable you to welcome those beyond your comfort zones? What resonates with you about this statement: “Let us sit together, embracing our theological diversity, loving each other wholly and rejecting none personally.”

Bishop Hagiya dismissed the body for a 10-minute break.
Rev. Sandy Olewine welcomed the virtual gathering to Pasadena First UMC and asked participants to attend the plenary session online rather than visiting the church in person.

**Laity Address** Phil and Connee Freeman, Conference Co-Lay Leaders, presented a pre-recorded video report. They shared appreciation to the District Lay Leaders and representatives of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men for their faithful work. At their last in-person meeting they gratefully welcomed Bishop Hagiya and Rev. Denyse Barnes. The Freemans shared reports from each district and Lay Servant Ministries and offered a prayer of thanks. Bishop Hagiya thanked the Freemans and all Lay Leaders for their service.

Bishop Hagiya shared that the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference have been delayed until 2021 and affirmed that the previously elected delegates will serve in 2021.

**Welcome and Update from Claremont School of Theology** Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kuan presented a pre-recorded video report. CST has begun relocating to Salem, Oregon. Marjorie Hewitt Suchoki reflected on the history of CST and looks forward to how CST will continue to be a resilient, progressive, leading voice in the church. A history of CST has been gathered into a book called “Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow,” which may be purchased on the school’s website. Rev. Patricia Farris affirmed the hope that is found in God’s leading.

**Legislation** Rev. Lea Booth moved Recommendation 20-02 - Pensions 1: Health Care for Active Clergy & Families, Lay Employees. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Lea Booth moved Recommendation 20-03 - Pensions 2: Retiree Health Care. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Lea Booth moved Recommendation 20-04 - Pensions 3: Clergy Housing Allowance. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Lea Booth moved Recommendation 20-05 - Pensions 4: Supplement One to Clergy Retirement Security Program. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Lea Booth moved Rule 20-02 - Endowment and Lynch Funds. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was supported.

Rev. Richard Bentley moved to table Rule 20-02 until next year’s session. Since the motion was received by the Bishop after the vote was taken, Bishop Hagiya ruled the motion Out of Order and asked the body to submit motions in advance of a vote to account for system delays.

**Board of Ordained Ministry** Rev. Richard Garner, Chair, presented a pre-recorded video report. Rev. Garner gave thanks for the hope that is found in the candidates for provisional and full connection, and for the work of all who serve on the Board.

Rev. Elbert Kim Rev. Kim presented Christy Ann Clark, Hyon Shim Hong, and Kristin Marie Reksc as candidates for provisional membership and commissioning on the Deacon track; Lea Michelle Booth, Khuong Duy Chau, Jessica Miyeko Kawamura, Kurt Edward Poland, Alexander Steven Powell, Hong Yun Won, and Joy Grace Yun as candidates for provisional membership and commissioning on the Elder track; Jeania Ree Violet Moore for ordination as a Deacon in Full Connection; and Denyse Anne Barnes, Benjamin Paul Camp, Rachel deBos-
Haigler, Hannah Ka, Yoo Shim Michelle Park, Erin Karynn Stenberg, Jackeline Alejandrina Vives, Won-Seok Yuh, Joseph Yun as candidates for ordination as Elders in Full Connection.

A pre-recorded video was shared of the candidates for full connection answering affirmatively as Bishop Hagiya asked them Wesley’s historic questions. Rev. Gamer offered prayer over the candidates for ordination.

Rev. Kim introduced those transferring into Cal-Pac from other conferences: Esther Dang by transfer from the West Ohio Annual Conference as an Elder in Full Connection and Mary Dennis by transfer from the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference as a Deacon in Full Connection.

Rev. Ken Suhr reported on the Orders Executive Committee and introduced the new committee chairs: Rev. Martha Morales, Chair of Deacons, and Rev. Anna Lee Mulford, Chair of Elders.

Bishop Hagiya expressed gratitude for the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Orders Executive Committee.

Rev. Rick Uhls moved for the reconsideration of all legislation previously passed in this session to allow for questions and discussion. The Bishop confirmed that Rev. Uhls previously voted in favor of the legislation. Katherine Henry seconded the motion. Rev. Richard Bentley and Rev. Tom Griffith spoke in favor of reconsideration. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote on the motion and it was not supported. Bishop Hagiya invited the body to submit motions ahead of time.

Bishop Hagiya shared the following prayer request: Rev. Rosemary and Rev. Bob Davis are both under care at Pilgrim Place, but Rev. Rosemary Davis has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Although she is non-symptomatic, they are in need of prayer and are currently being cared for in separate rooms. Bishop Hagiya led the body in prayer for Rev. Davis and Rev. Davis.

Honoring Our Retired Clergy Videos honoring Rev. Mary Allman Boyle and Rev. Debbie Gara were shared. Bishop Hagiya congratulated and thanked them for their many years of service.

Rev. Gary Bernard Williams, St. Mark UMC, shared a Point of Personal Privilege to invite the body to the Methodist Federation for Social Action’s virtual luncheon to celebrate honoring Rev. Sandie Richards with the 2020 Mildred Hutchins award.

Closing Instructions and Prayer The gathering was encouraged to log out and log back in for Session 2 before 3:00 PM PDT. Bishop Hagiya offered prayer over lunch and dismissed the body for a lunch break.

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Plenary Session 2
3:00 PM (PDT)

Bishop Grant J. Hagiya called the gathering to Order at 3:03 PM (PDT). Bishop Hagiya shared news through Rev. Preston Price that Rev. Ken Ted Brock, retired, (this was incorrectly reported and corrected in a later plenary session) passed away on the day of his 70th ordination anniversary. Bishop Hagiya reminded the body that last Wednesday (June 17, 2020), was the fifth anniversary of the Mother Emmanuel AME hate killings, which is a sobering reminder of the importance of anti-racism and anti-hate ministries, and invited the body to pray for a new reality.
Orders of the Day. Rev. Cathie Capp moved the Orders of the Day. Rev. Frank Wulf, Echo Park UMC moved to amend the Orders of the Day to include Resolution 20-04. Rev. Bob Rhodes offered a point of information that Resolution 20-04 is currently scheduled for after the Response to Systemic Racism on Saturday morning. Bishop Hagiya promised the legislation would be addressed on Saturday and Rev. Wulf accepted his promise. Rev. Richard Bentley had a point of order and withdrew it. Bishop Hagiya called for the vote and the motion was supported.

Announcements. Rev. Won-Seok Yuh shared that the Litany used in this morning’s plenary session is available at the conference website. Rev. Yuh asked for continued patience and grace for the new process. Rev. Yuh reviewed the use of the “Raise Hand” function, the Q&A, the legislative process, and voting via Zoom polling.

Delegation Team. Monalisa Tu’ihutai reported on the Delegations work on Resolution 19-06, in which the Annual Conference supported “Disavowal of the Traditional Plan.” The delegation was encouraged to live into a plan to embrace inclusivism, grace-filled acceptance, and a new vision of the church in which diversity is a gift. The postponement to 2021 will provide time for more voices to be heard. The Delegation is offering four recommendations to the General Conference that are summarized in the Preliminary Report. The Delegation’s written report of Resolution 19-06 will be available on the conference website in multiple languages. On Saturday morning, there will be time to have conversations with one another. Bishop Hagiya thanked the delegation and expressed gratitude for their diversity.

General Board of Global Ministries. Rev. Dr. Judy Chung presented a pre-recorded video report in which she described the church as a missionary movement. The GBGM has four foci: missionaries, humanitarian relief, evangelism, and supporting abundant health for all. Cal-Pac provided $461,133 to support missionaries in 30 countries around the world in 2019. Joy Primm and Terah and Jonathan Park were introduced as new missionaries. Global Mission Fellowships are awarded to young people in Cal-Pac between the ages of 20 and 30 through UMCOR and GBGM. Two recipients, Micah Pascual and Andrew Lee, shared their stories in the video. Rev. Chung announced that over $1 million has been raised for the UMCOR COVID-19 campaign, with six grants coming to the Cal-Pac Conference. Rev. Chung thanked the conference for their efforts. Bishop Hagiya offered a prayer over the Missionaries called to serve, sending them off with love and care, and announced that Joy Primm has been commissioned as a Deaconess.

Budget Q & A / Action. Howard Hudson and Archana Carey moved Recommendation 20-07 - 2021 Budget with Narrative on behalf of Conference Finance and Administration. Discussion about the budget took place. Archana Carey and Howard Hudson, along with Rev. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett and Rev. David Farley answered questions about the budget and support of justice ministries and more specifically support for Black Churches. Rev. Louise Fairweather-Baxter asked for rationale for voting on the budget prior to living into supporting Black Churches.

Rev. Mandy McDow moved that a line item be added to support Cal-Pac anti-racist values. Bishop Hagiya asked for a more specific motion to amend a particular line item.
Rev. Fairweather-Baxter moved to postpone voting on the budget until Saturday, after the Bishop shares his plan. Rev. Dinkel spoke against. Gary Fulton for postponement. Michael Brush spoke against. Rev. Mandy McDow spoke in favor. Bishop Hagiya addressed a question from Rev. Anthony Bolger. Bishop Hagiya called for a vote and it was supported.

**SAI/UMC Latino Youth Scholarship** Bob Arvizu presented a pre-recorded video report. $1000 scholarships were awarded to Selena Andrews, Alexis Galdamez, and Nataly Galdamez. Two Cesar Lizarrage scholarships worth $2000 were awarded to Samantha Moreno and Olivia Trinidad. Visit [http://www.saischolars.org](http://www.saischolars.org) to learn more.

Bishop Hagiya dismissed the body for a 10 minute break.

When the body returned from break, Rev. Rhodes reminded members to use the web form to submit legislation, but also to use the “Come to the Mic” procedure to be recognized by the Bishop.

**Nominations Report & Vote** Liz Roark, Nominations Chair, moved Rule 20-04 - Nominations Committee. Roark amended the report to show that Erin Hawkins is the Executive Director of Connectional Ministries. The Bishop called for the vote and (after a technical glitch) it was supported.

Roark moved Recommendation 20-09 - Conference Nomination Report. The Bishop called for the vote and it was supported.

Roark thanked new and previous members of the committee, and announced that Joyce Zirkle and Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth will serve as co-chairs as of July 1, 2020. Bishop Hagiya thanked Roark for her leadership.

**Cabinet Matters** Rev. John Farley, Dean, moved Resolution 19-22 - Merger of Bowen UMC and Wesley UMC, coming together to form Heritage UMC, retroactively as of June 2019. The Bishop called for the vote and it was supported. Rev. Farley led a prayer for Holtville UMC.

Rev. Farley moved Resolution 20-02 - Resolution for Closure: Holtville UMC as of December 2019. The Bishop called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Farley moved Resolution 20-03 - Resolution for Closure: Rosewood UMC as of January 2020. The Bishop called for the vote and it was supported.

Rev. Farley reported that there are 17 new ministries throughout the conference and 10 additional churches have received microgrants. A goodbye video for Rev. Dr. Se Hee Hahn was shared.

**Disaster Response Task Force** Judy Lewis presented a pre-recorded video report. Bishop Hagiya thanked the Disaster Response Team for their work.

Anne Hawthorne, lay member, Ocean Park UMC moved to amend the rule to add under Membership on the Higher Education and Campus Ministry Council, “shall consist of, part ii section e: One representative from the Claremont School of Theology (selected by the President of CST).” The Bishop called for the vote and it was supported.

The Bishop called for the vote on the original motion as amended and it was supported.

Rev. Booth shared that any legislation that was not in the Preliminary Report is on the Conference Secretary’s website.

Delegation Team Rev. Denyse Barnes and the Delegation Team presented a pre-recorded video report on their work on Resolution 19-22. Cal-Pac is gifted with wonderful diversity and the foundational importance of Wesleyan Grace. The delegation has prepared four draft petitions in response to possible decisions made by the General Conference next year, which are summarized in the Preliminary Report.

Bishop Hagiya invited the body to attend the time of conversation on Saturday morning.


Phil and Connee Freeman invited the gathering to lift up names of loved ones who have passed away and shared a litany of remembrance. Rev. Mark Nakagama offered prayer. Bishop Hagiya offered a benediction.

The Bishop dismissed the body to dinner.
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A Service of Recognition of Retirees - “We Are Witnesses”
7:15 PM (PDT)


Rev. Lawson offered congratulations and reminded the retirees that their call to ministry came from eternity and would remain for the rest of their days. Rev. Lawson reflected on his 21 years of retirement and how God was still at work. Four scenes shaped his message: 1) the disproportionate number of People of Color impacted by the pandemic due to racism, 2) stories of the early church, 3) harmful scripture attributed to Peter, which more likely came from the Roman Empire, and 4) the invitation from Mark 1:17 to follow and become fishers of people. Rev. Lawson said that all must embrace the call from eternity to “follow me” and challenged the gathering to change the paradigm by continuing to seek the promised land and traverse the wilderness of ethical responsibilities. Rev. Lawson encouraged the gathering to develop spirituality, power and transformative living that allows the church to seek God amid violence and be a community that reflects God’s kingdom, rather than trusting in creeds and systems. He said that the journey of transformation is difficult, but Peter and John should remind the gathering that their primary job is to “be a people on the journey from death to life, from cruelty to kindness, from brokenness and devastation to community building, from shackles of many different kings to freedom.” He challenged retirees and the gathering to join the relentless march of Christ to turn Earth into heaven.

Ms. JoAnn Fukumoto called for the offering to support Native Hawaiians Scholarship at calpacumc.org/donate. The Jazz Quartet and Ms. Broadus-Miles shared “We Are the Church” as the closing hymn. Rev. Dr. Philip Bertolo Wood offered the benediction. The Jazz Quartet offered “Amazing Grace” as the postlude.

Retirement videos for Rev. Ron Griffen, Rev. Gary Keene, Rev. Mamie Ming Yan Ko, Rev. Timothy Mull, Rev. Barbara Parnell, and Rev. Phil Wood were shared.