Memorial Tribute
California-Pacific Annual Conference of
The United Methodist Church

Friday, June 19, 2020 – 5:45 PM (PST)
“We are Loved”

Greeting and Opening Prayer
Rev. Melissa MacKinnon
East District Superintendent

We pause now in the business of the Annual Conference to turn our attention to a time of remembrance for those who have so faithfully served our congregations, Annual Conference, and global church community, and have passed into God’s heavenly realm during this past year.

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die; yet they shall live. Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Because I live, you also shall live.”

Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, from whose love we cannot be parted, either by death or life, hear our prayer. We offer our praise to you as we remember those persons who have been part of our community. They blessed us, inspired us, and transformed our hearts and lives. We give thanks for their witness, faith and legacy. Death cannot erase or remove their gifts. As we read their names and remember their lives, we humbly entrust them to your eternal care through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memorial Remembrance Video

Lifting Up of Names

Mr. and Ms. Phil and Connee Freeman
California Pacific Annual Conference Lay Leaders

We give you thanks, O God, for lay members of the Annual Conference, church members, and all those whom we hold in our hearts, who have been faithful to your call and glorified you with their life and work. Now in this silence, you are invited to lift up the names of other beloved friends and colleagues who have passed from this life into God’s heavenly realm. Let us pause to give thanks for their lives.

We pause for a moment of silent remembrance.

Before they were ours, they were yours,
And now we offer them back into your everlasting arms of grace.
Absent from the body. Present in the Lord. Amen.
Memorial Prayer  
Rev. Mark Nakagawa  
West District Superintendent

Let us pray.
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks for your faithful servants
who from their labors now rest.
We praise you for the mystery of resurrection that binds us eternally to you,
and all who surround us in this great cloud of witnesses.
May their example encourage us, and their sacrifices strengthen us,
as we live in the hope of your covenant promise,
bearing light to all nations, and love to all creation.
We pray in the name of Christ, our reconciler and redeemer. Amen.

Benediction and Sending Forth  
Bishop Grant Hagiya  
California Pacific Annual Conference

Let us go forth from this time,
knowing that the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,
now and forever.
Amen.

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