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EAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE
May 30, 2020

9:00 a.m.  Opening Worship  Pacific Islander Young Adults

AGENDA

9:30 a.m.  Call to Order  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon (DS)
          Opening Prayer  District Lay Leaders
                        Diane Gin, Annie Solomon
          Election of East District Conference Secretary  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
          Adoption of the Minutes  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
          Nominations  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
          Report on District Committee on Ordained Ministry  Rev. Matt Seargeant (Chair)
          2019 100% Paid Apportionment Churches  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
          Medical Leave
                        Douglas Hodson  4/1/20  [Deceased 4/12/20]
          Retirees Recognized  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
                        George Cisneros, Jr.  7/1/20
                        Brandon Gebhart  8/1/19
                        Mamie Ming Yan Ko  7/1/20
          Newly Certified Lay Minister  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
                        Melissa Pryor  5/6/20
          Deaconess to be Commissioned at Annual Conference  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
                        Joyous Prim  7/1/20
          Clergy to be Commissioned at Annual Conference  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
                        Alexander Steven Powell  7/1/20
          Clergy to be Ordained at Annual Conference  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
                        Jackeline A. Vives  7/1/20
          Election of East District Lay Equalization Members  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon
          Video Update from General and Jurisdictional Delegate
          CFA Video on 2021 Budget
          Announcements  Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon

11:45 a.m.  Closing Prayer / Adjourn
1. District Superintendent Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon opened the meeting at 9:30 A.M. following a beautiful opening worship time.

2. Designation of Conference Secretary – Karen Britten was elected 2019 East District Conference Secretary.

3. Approval of 2019 Agenda and 2018 East District Conference Minutes – Minutes of the East District Conference held on May 12, 2018, were approved as presented. moved/seconded/carried

   - Funding available for scholarships and micro-grants.

5. District Change Manager Report – Rev. Dr. Mary E. Dennis


8. District Committee Reports can be found in printed handout.

   - Mission Area Leaders were reminded of the importance of having an Associate Lay Leader to assist with Mission Area tasks. Many Mission Areas still do not have Associate Lay Leader(s) assigned.
   - East District Union
     - Nominations presented
     - Motion to close nominations / seconded
     - Call for vote – nominees elected
   - Superintendency Committee
     - Nominations presented
     - Class of 2020
       - Rev. David Conrad, Pastor Monalisa Lolohea, Alma Roberts
     - Class of 2021
       - Julie Asuncion, Rev. Brian Long, Amalia Ruiz
     - Class of 2022
       - Rev. David Jamir, Art Richardson, Deidre Taylor
     - Alternates
       - Charlene Crowley, Linda Tremain
     - Motion to close nominations / seconded
     - Call for vote – nominees elected
• District Committee on Ordained Ministry (DCOM)
  o Nominations presented
  o Class of 2020
    ➢ Rev. Daesun Chung, Carol Coy, Linda Faxon, Rev. Karen Ristine, Rev. Matt Sargeant
  o Class of 2021
    ➢ Carol Adams, Rev. Martha Morales, Rev. Brenda Simonds, Rev. Hee Jung Yu
  o Class of 2022
    ➢ Pastor Jim Brooking, Rev. Dr. Karen Dalton, Rev. Dr. Matini Niponi Finau, Rev. Angela Galanis Price, Rev. Lincoln Galloway
  o Motion to close nominations / seconded
  o Call for vote – nominees elected

• District Planning and Strategy Committee (DPAS) & District Board of Church Location and Building
  o Nominations presented
  o Class of 2020
    ➢ Rev. J.T. Kim, David Nesamony, Kathy Norris, Rev. Dr. Deborah Oh, Rev. Eric Schmidt, Norton (Bud) Wrisley
  o Class of 2021
    ➢ Keith Ayers, Jack Dandurand, Pastor Rafael Deras, Wes Murray, Rev. Jackeline Vives
  o Class of 2022
    ➢ Pastor John Atu, Sherri Cort, Khanh Doan, Pastor Rafael Rios, Pastor Emma Vega
  o Motion to close nominations / seconded
  o Call for vote – nominees elected

• Lay Equalization Members to 2019 Annual Conference
  o Nominations presented
  o Youth Members
    ➢ Jazzmyn Cooley, Shyann Haynes, Nick Haynes, Rebecca Parsons, Ryan Williams
    ➢ Alternates: Haley Garcia, Olivia Trinidad
  o Young Adult Members
    ➢ Caitlyn Anderson, Edward Cesar-Fincher, Joshua Ortega, Gabriela Posadas, Claire Williams
    ➢ Alternates: Dowon Lee, Elenor Tukunga, Sanab Ban
Lay Members at Large

- Daniel Canales, Jan Carmean, Angel Copeland-Wolf, Sheila Koo, Helen McVey, Ben Pangilinan, Art Richardson, Bert Roark, Norton (Bud) Wrisley
- Alternates: Robert Ross, Susan Ross

Motion to close nominations / seconded
Call for vote – nominees elected
Nominations Report accepted and closed.

10. Other Business of the District and Conference

- “I See A New Church” – video message from Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
- Input on Special Session
- Input on Judicial Council Rulings
- Input on Apportionment Decisions
- Input of Western Jurisdictional Leadership Strategies
- Feedback – routed to Conference Sessions Committee, Extended Cabinet and 2019 Annual Conference Agenda


- Description of the role
- Description of the election process


- 40 East District churches were recognized and congratulated for paying 100% (or more) of 2018 Apportionment giving.
- Congratulations to newly Certified Lay Minister
- Congratulations to clergy to be commissioned at 2019 Annual Conference
- Congratulations to clergy to be ordained at 2019 Annual Conference
- Farewell and THANK YOU to retiring clergy

13. Motion to adjourn 2019 East District Conference

- moved / seconded / carried – 11:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen F. Britten
**East District Leadership**

07/01/20 – 06/30/21

**Superintendent:** Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon  
mmackinnon@calpacumc.org

**Regional District Co-Lay Leaders:**
- Annie Solomon (eastern region)  
annsolo1029@netscape.net
- Diane Gin (western region)  
dlokgin@aol.com

**District Mission Area Leaders and Associate Lay Leaders** (one for each mission area):

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Broghan Hunt          broghanhunt@gmail.com
Moreno Valley UMC

Conference JCEMT Representative to East District
Deborah Oh            rev.deborahoh@gmail.com

District United Methodist Women (self-reported)
Julie Asuncion        juleton@sbcglobal.net
East District President

District “How-To Workshops” Regional Coordinators:

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2. Carrie Cesar      carriefcesar@gmail.com
   Victorville UMC
3. Bob Gin           rlgin1@aol.com
   Shepherd of the Hills UMC
4. George Martzen    gmartzen@gmail.com
   Sage Granada Park UMC
5. Deborah Oh        rev.deborahoh@gmail.com
   Rosemead Mission Community UMC
6. Melissa Pryor     steelerfan4341@yahoo.com
   Shepherd of the Valley UMC

East District Conference ~ April 27, 2019 ~ Claremont UMC

✓ Attendance: 135
✓ Representation from 53 churches + Cal-Pac Conference + East District + South District

❖ Opening Worship Service
❖ District Ministry Annual Reports
❖ District Nominations Report
❖ Election of Officers, Committee Members, District Lay Equalization Members
❖ Conference Information: Camping Ministries, Change Manager, Newsletter update
❖ “I See A New Church” – video message from Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
❖ Input, discussion, feedback on Special Session
❖ General Conference 2020 Nominations
❖ Recognition and Celebration
   ▪ 2018 Apportionments ~ 100% Paid [44 churches]
   ▪ Certified Lay Minister [1]
   ▪ Clergy to be ordained at 2019 Annual Conference [1]
   ▪ Clergy retiring [4]
### EAST DISTRICT MINISTRY TEAMS

**East District Union:**

1. Noel Abesamis  
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   2019
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   2020
3. Paige Eaves  
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   2020
4. Craig Lucas  
   Email: clucasarc@gmail.com  
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5. Neil Platon (DPAS liaison)  
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   2017
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   2019
7. Jane Voigts  
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   2018
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   2017
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   African  
   2016

**Alternates / Sub-committees**

1.  
2.  
3.  
4. David Choi  
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   2020
5.  
6.  

Membership (¶2518.2);
- The district board of trustees shall consist of not fewer than three nor more than nine members.
- It is recommended that the membership of the committee include one-third clergy, one-third laywomen, and one-third laymen (who shall all be nominated by the district superintendent in consultation with the district nominating committee.
- **Members shall be elected for a term of one year and shall report annually to the district conference.**
Superintendency Committee:

District Co-Lay Leader:
Annie Solomon  
African  annsolo1029@netscape.net

Class of 2021
1. Julie Asuncion  Filipino  juleton@sbcglobal.net  2018
2. Alma Roberts  ronalma@verizon.net  2017
3. Amalia Ruiz  Hispanic  amaliaruiz72@gmail.com  2018

Class of 2022
1. Min-Kyu Park  Asian-Korean  mp87602@gmail.com  2020
2. Art Richardson  art_richardson@verizon.net  2017
3. Deirdre (Dee Dee) Taylor  dltaylor92313@gmail.com  2019

Class of 2023
1. Charlane Crowley  Pac-Islander  charlanebob@sbcglobal.net  2020
2. Monalisa Lolohea  pastormlolohea@gmail.com  2018
3. Xavier Torres  Hispanic  xatorres@icloud.com  2020

Alternates
1.
2.

Membership (¶669.1);
• This committee shall be composed of eleven members, including the district lay leader and two persons appointed by the district superintendent.
• It is recommended that the remaining members of the committee consist of two lay-women, two laymen, two clergy, and two at-large members.
• At least three of the eleven persons shall be clergy and seven shall be laypersons. All laypersons shall be professing members of a local church.
District Committee on Ordained Ministry (DCOM):

**Class of 2021**
1. Carol Adams  sadams3464@aol.com  2018
2. Linda Faxon  lfaxon2001@yahoo.com  2016
3. Martha Morales  marthacumc@gmail.com  2018
4. Brenda Simonds  revbrenda@aol.com  2019
5. Hee Jung Yu  heejung.yu@cst.edu  2019

**Class of 2022**
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(BOM liaison)
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3. Niponi Finau  revnfinau@yahoo.com  2019
   Pac-Islander
4. Angela Galanis Price  pastorangelagp@gmail.com  2017
5. Lincoln Galloway  lgalloway@cst.edu  2017
   African

**Class of 2023**
1. Alfredo Cesar  cressida1954@gmail.com  2020
   Hispanic
2. Carol Coy  carolcoy.egret@gmail.com  2018
3. Brian Long  pastorbrian@yorbalindaumc.org  2020
4. Karen Ristine  karenristine@yahoo.com  2019
5. Matt Seargeant  revmatt@chinoumc.org  2017
   (Chair)

Membership
- At least six clergy in the district, including women and ethnic clergy when possible (nominated by the district superintendent in consultation with the chair of the BOM and approved by the annual conference). Clergy members shall include elders and deacons, an associate member, and may include one local pastor who has completed the Course of Study.
- A representative of the Board of Ordained Ministry, who may serve as the chair (¶666.1).
- The district superintendent, who shall not chair the dCOM (¶666.1).
- At least three professing members of local churches, selected by the district superintendent and approved by the annual conference.
- All persons named to the district committee on ordained ministry shall be members with vote.
- Interim vacancies are filled by the district superintendent.
## District Planning and Strategy (DPAS) / Building and Location Committee:

### Class of 2021

1. Keith Ayers  
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4. Wes Murray  
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   - 2019
5. Kathy Norris  
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6. Norton (Bud) Wrisley  
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### Class of 2022

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   - 2019
2. Sherri Cort  
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   - 2019 - Building/Loc
3. Khanh Doan  
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   - 2019
4. Rafael Rios  
   - rararios@yahoo.com  
   - 2019
5. Emma Vega  
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   - 2016

### Class of 2023

1. Allen Franke  
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   - 2019 - Building/Loc
3. Lui Tran  
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   - 2020
4. John Yoon  
   - yohan6063@aol.com  
   - 2020 - Building/Loc

### Conference JCEMT Representative to East District

1. Deborah Oh  
   - rev.deborahoh@gmail.com  
   - 2020

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### RULES, POLICIES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES – 2014 I-43

1. There shall be in each District, a Planning and Strategy Committee elected by the District Conference. One member shall be selected by the Committee and elected by the District Conference as the representative to the Cal-Pac New Ministries Essential Ministries Team.
2. This Committee shall coordinate with the District Leadership Team, the District Union/Society and the District Board of Church Location and Building in complying with the functions as outlined in The Book of Discipline.
3. This Committee shall serve as a vital link between the District structures, the District Superintendent and the Cal-Pac New Ministries EMT. They shall evaluate, strategize and prioritize the needs of the district, including changing neighborhoods, mergers, unions, relocations and discontinuances and submit comprehensive recommendations to the Cal-Pac New Ministries EMT.

### Additional Membership

- **District Board of Church Location and Building:**
  - District Superintendent and a minimum of six and a maximum of nine additional persons (nominated by the district superintendent in consultation with the district nominating committee). It is recommended that the membership include one-third clergy, one-third laymen, one-third laywomen. These persons shall be professing members of The United Methodist Church. (¶2519);
  - One third shall be elected annually for a three-year term.
  - The board shall make a written report to the district conference and this report shall become a part of the records of that conference.
District Ethnic Ministry

*Update is needed! Please verify with the District Office.*

**Informational only … not elected**

- Annhue Chengsaksri: Chinese  anncheng50@hotmail.com
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- Emelito Hernandez: Filipino  emelitoherandez@gmail.com
- Nak In Kim: Korean  revnakinkim@gmail.com
- Jose Vindel: Latino  jvindel@att.net

District Mission Committee:

*Update is needed! Please verify with the District Office.*

**Informational only … not elected**

- Julie Asuncion:  juleton@sbcglobal.net
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- Alex Powell:  pastoralexpowell@gmail.com
- Maria (Toña) Rios:  rararios@yahoo.com
- Ben Vinluan:  gerdaben@verizon.net

District Chinese Committee

*Update is needed! Please verify with the District Office.*

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Manny Orio  
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Neil Platon  
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Manny Predas  Chair  
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District Korean Committee:

*Update is needed!*  
*Please verify with the District Office.*

**Informational only … not elected**

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mp87602@gmail.com  

Steven Shin  
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Olivia Sohn

District Latino Committee:

*Update is needed!*  
*Please verify with the District Office.*

**Informational only … not elected**

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Jose Posadas  

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Amalia Ruiz  
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Emma Vega  
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Jose Vindel  
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2019
District Pacific Islanders Committee:

Update is needed!
Please verify with the District Office.

Informational only … not elected
Sione ‘Atu
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Matini Niponi Finau...revnfinau@yahoo.com
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District Vietnamese Ministry:

Update is needed!
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Informational only … not elected
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Tom Tran...usatran4jesus@gmail.com
## Lay Equalization Members to Annual Conference 2020

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**Youth**

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**Youth Alternates**

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**Young Adult**

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4. Leslie Tomlinson                      | kidchipper293@aol.com                | Riverside First UMC          |
5. Claire Williams                       | awesomeclaire3@me.com                | Upland 1st UMC               |

**Young Adult Alternates**

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**Lay Members At Large**

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2. Angel Copeland-Wolf                   | amazinggraceloc@aol.com              | Victorville UMC              |
3. Myra Halsey                           | myrahalsey@aol.com                   | Wesley UMC                   |
4. Jan Hammond                           | janchammond@gmail.com                | Temple City First UMC        |
5. Sheila Khoo                           | sssskhoo@gmail.com                    | Shepherd of the Hills UMC    |
6. Ben Pangilinan                        | bapangilin@aol.com                   | La Verne UMC                 |
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8. Dee Dee Taylor                        | dtaylor92313@gmail.com               | La Verne UMC                 |
9. Gary White                            | grwhite9944@gmail.com                | Victorville UMC              |
10. Norton (Bud) Wrisley                 | lnwrisley@hotmail.com                | Shepherd of the Valley UMC   |

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The members of the East District Committee on Ordained Ministry continue to shepherd candidates through the long and often arduous process toward becoming ordained Deacons or Elders, Licensed Local Pastors, or Certified Lay Ministers in the UMC. Below is a chart indicating many of the actions we have taken since our last District Conference. As you can see by the numbers on the chart, we remain very busy.

Of the seven candidates we recommended to the Cal-Pac Board of Ordained Ministry, four chose to wait at least another year before applying for commissioning, one was denied an interview because the written papers were inadequate, two were granted interviews, and one will be commissioned in June 2020. Congratulations, Alex Powell!

I would like to take time to thank all of our members, but specifically, our secretary, The Rev. Karen Dalton, who keeps our meeting minutes, including notes on our actions and makes the creation of the required District Action Reports much easier. In addition, Carol Coy and Linda Faxon have also proven very adept at note taking, as well and I am indebted to them, as well. And, lastly, I would like to thank the tireless work of our DCOM Registrar, The Rev. Hee Jung Yu. It is the work of the Registrar’s to develop our agenda, keeping the candidates informed and on track, and everything else we ask! This is truly a job without which we could not function.

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Respectfully submitted,

Matt Seargeant
Chair, East District Committee on Ordained Ministry
DPAS-B&L Report to East District Conference 2020

“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”

The East District of the California-Pacific conference of the United Methodist Church lives into this mission every day. We are blessed to work closely with our District Superintendent, Rev. Melissa Mackinnon, helping to bring her vision to life. We thank Karen Britten for her great work and support. We find great ministry partners in our District Union (DU), under the leadership of Rev. Phillips Whang.

A New Vision
In 2019-20, our District Planning & Strategy (DPAS) committee combined with the Building & Location (B&L) committee to streamline our work. We thank Kathy Norris, the chair of B&L and the six members of the team for joining us and making the transition go so smoothly. We also thank Khanh Doan for serving as DPAS-B&L treasurer this year. We look forward to what God has planned for 2020-21.

Melissa is good at cutting through red tape! One of her early questions was “how can we work more effectively and respond more quickly?” Thus began a new, monthly DS-DU-DPAS-B&L leadership call. Through these monthly updates, the teams are working more smoothly together. We still have work to do, but we’re listening and connecting better.

Another example of cross-functional work was the first joint DPAS-B&L-DU retreat, held on January 23, 2020. We spent time getting to know each other, building our teams and looking forward to where God is leading us.

DPAS-B&L partners with DU to provide support for our District Change Manager. Last year, Rev. Dr. Mary Dennis did a marvelous job working with congregations and groups across the district. Thank you for all you have done, Mary. We wish you well as you transition to full-time work in the North District. We look forward to welcoming our new District Change Manager, Rev. Catie Coots.

We have been working with the East Desert Mission Area on finding a vision and focus for ministry in Desert Hot Springs. There is currently a working group developing a ministry plan which will come to DPAS-B&L for support. We hope to receive New Ministry EMT support for this vital work. Our thanks to Melissa, Jane, Lynn, Joel, Jaime and Maria for their good work and for the local congregations for their support.

Strategic Development
We operated with four teams in 2019-20: Building & Location, Generational Engagement, Ethnic Ministries and Church Support. Liaisons regularly attended the District Latino Committee, District Union, New Ministry EMT meetings.

Ethnic Ministry
The role of DPAS-B&L in support of ethnic ministry in the East District has been growing. This year we pivoted from providing funding for specific projects to funding groups that plan, manage and perform the work.

A great example is the East District Latino Committee, under the leadership of Pastor Rafael Deras. Instead of funding scholarships to Spanglish and support for the School of Leadership directly, we provided $15,000 in funding to the committee. The committee created a budget that

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1 2016 Book of Discipline, ¶125, p. 95
included those items and others. It is now operating independently, while reporting to DPAS-B&L. This is a great example of a partnership with amazing results.

**DPAS Microgrants**
We supported five churches with microgrants or grants totaling $12,811 to help:
- Hispanic ministries – connecting with local elementary schools and the community in new ways.
- Music ministries – free lessons for you with a unique twist, play in church once a month!
- Dream outreach to neighborhood children and their parents.
- Infrastructure - parsonage and audiovisual upgrades.

**Church Support**
We provided support to local congregations and members by:
- Assisted three churches with applications to New Ministries (NM) for church planting grants. Two received support totaling $41,680.
- Successfully assisted one church with a NM microgrant applications for $5,000.
- Provided support for five churches totaling $53,500.
- Provided financial assistance for fourteen (14) people to go to the Exponential church growth conference in San Diego in October 2019.
- Assisted one church with an application for equitable compensation.
- Completed one §213 study with a decision to redevelop and are in the process of engaging with one other after a delay.
- Offering training classes in partnership with New Ministry EMT and other groups.

Our thanks to Bud Wrisley, David Nesamony and Rev. Jackline Vives for their work.


On a personal note, I offer my sincere thanks to our DPAS-B&L members and the many faithful groups and people who made this work possible. I have enjoyed serving our district in this capacity for the past six years. Thank you for the privilege!

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Eric Schmidt, DPAS Chair
Kathleen Norris, B&L Chair
The District Union

The closure of the churches of Christ is a painful process in which every party involved suffers. It has been heartbreaking to witness the withdrawal of ministry from our communities of faith. However, the shutdown of our local congregations is no death knell. The East District Union endeavors to make certain that the celebration of ministry continues and a folded ministry is reborn in different ministries in new locations.

It is heartbreaking to witness folding a worshipping community and ceasing the ministry presence. But it is encouraging to remember the long history of its heritage. Ministry has survived through thick and thin for many years, passed down the generations. Mary Dennis, East District Change Manager, has done a wonderful job archiving historical materials from closed local churches. We want to continue to share and preserve the stories of old for generations to come.

Under the guidance of District Superintendent Melissa MacKinnon, the Board has diligently explored new ministry and community outreach potentials. For example, the District Union has done quite a few repairs at Desert Hot Springs. Thanks to these efforts, St. Anthony Episcopal Church has been looking to lease the church campus for worship. Remnants of the former UMC have joined this new congregation and the new lease would serve as a way to extend our ministry for those former Methodists. Rev. MacKinnon is also exploring ways of launching a new ministry for the Hispanic community at the Church.

The District Union doesn’t just manage funds and buildings; we are constantly looking into renovating unused worship centers and strengthening local congregations with grants and loans. Throughout the past year, we have given financial assistance to local congregations in need of repairs concerning items such as parking lots, sanctuary roofs, and parsonages.

Joyfully serving God together,
Rev. Phillips Whang
President of EDU
Change Manager’s Report for East District Conference
May 30, 2020 by Rev. Dr. Mary Dennis

PROJECTS

Arlington UMC/Riverside

- Retrieved and cataloged 23 boxes of church files with Sherri and Phillips
- Created an inventory of furniture and other items of interest for other UMC’s
- Publicized availability of items above; Five churches picked up items of value
- Coordinated with Property Manager, Edward Cesar, to end onsite ministries
- Arranged for a trash out of all buildings on the property
- Interviewed and hired a cleaning crew to prepare property for photos and listing
- Coordinated with realtor Sherri Cort on sale of property

Desert Hot Springs

- Coordinated with Mission Area pastors, Lynn Reece and Jane Voigts re: donations
- Retrieved and cataloged all church files, including pre-school
- Arranged for trash out of buildings on the property
- Interviewed and hired cleaning company
- Changed locks on Building A
- Hired the Property Manager, Maria Lopez
- Coordinated bids for work on roof and other maintenance issues

Big Bear

- Retrieved and cataloged church files
- Cancelled bills/contracts
- Coordinated meetings with Patricia Carlisle, Nursery School Director
- Added my name to the Nursery School bank account; closed out old parsonage bank accounts
- Hired Pastor Abel Lara as Property Manager
- Met with two potential tenants interested in renting the facility; both declined

Barstow/Victorville

- Met with Barstow’s leaders with DS Melissa for vote to close charter
- Met with Pastor Carrie Cesar with DS Melissa about interest in having Barstow become a satellite mission of Victorville UMC
- Worked with Pastor Carrie to forge a Memorandum of Understanding between them
- Hired an attorney to amend documents for the transition to a mission of Victorville
MEETINGS

- Regular meetings/phone calls with DS Melissa and Karen Britten re: issues/assignments
- East District Union
- East District Planning and Strategy
- East District Leadership Team Meetings
- Conference Property Development Task Force
- Anthony Boger/Property Developers – Chris Jordan, Ken Craft

ADDITIONAL TASKS

- Scanning project – interviewed and hired two people; Jenna Abrams, Linda Hall to scan all current church and pastor’s files, then files of closed churches
- Served on Mission Assessment Team for Whittier Evangelical UMC
- Provided dozens of MissionInsight reports on East District churches, as requested
- Preached at LaMirada UMC and Montibello UMC
The East District continues to provide opportunities for laity and clergy to develop a partnership where ministry is jointly shared; where our lay leaders can foster and build strong relationships with the clergy in our area. Quarterly mission area meetings are scheduled, and it has been our goal to attend these meetings. During these meetings various topics are discussed where learning opportunities are made available, spiritual growth and personal development programs, leadership training opportunities, social justice issues surrounding our communities, celebrating the cultural diversity and an awareness of youth and young adult resources and mentorship opportunities. Programs and events that have been planned have unfortunately been postponed or cancelled due to our current health pandemic.

As lay leaders we have both attempted to find alternative avenues where laity can learn and grow. We have found that communication and accessibility are challenges that we face. Time and distance often are factors that are considered as appointments and schedules are made, however, we are available and wish to reach out to as many lay leaders in our District. Since the Safe-At-Home, self-quarantine practices are currently in effect our intention is to begin organizing a series of virtual lay leaders’ meetings within our District. The purpose of these meetings is to get to know each other, design a networking system, to confirm our roles and responsibilities, and to share knowledge and information with one another. This will also be an excellent avenue to share our successes as well as our challenges. The schedule will be forthcoming as we finalize the details.

Face-to-face classes are not available due to the pandemic. Fortunately, the Lay Servants Ministries trainings are being offered. This provides laity the opportunity to gain a personal insight of self as well as acquire a background for all laypersons as they serve in the church and community. We hope that many of our laity will take advantage of enrolling in one of these classes. It is an opportunity to network and meet others in an educational setting.

We look forward to continue making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World; we are eager and hopeful to meet and work with as many local lay leaders through our attendance at mission area meetings, virtual meetings, and perhaps through a training or two.
Lay Servant Ministries in East District has held their own this past year but unfortunately had to cancel two planned schools. One of these were due to limited registration. This last one, scheduled for May, 2020, was due to the coronavirus now plaguing us.

As a result, we held only one school this past year. It was held at Covina United Methodist Church on January 11th and 18th, 2020. We were pleased to have 33 Lay Servants in attendance. Sixteen Lay Servants attended two Advanced Classes, Conflict Resolution and Lead in Evangelism. The Basic Class, with eighteen in attendance, produced a lot of excitement. All of the classes were received with enthusiasm and requests for more classes.

The most exciting thing about the Covina school was that attendance reflected Lay Servants from all four mainland districts. This was undoubtably the result of the use of online registration at California Pacific Conference for the first time in our district. This is definitely as asset to all of our Lay Servant Ministries in Southern California.

Victorville UMC has been eager to have an Advanced Spanish class after having a successful Basic Spanish Class last year. That was the school we had scheduled for the first weekend in May, Hopefully, we can return to that later this year. We have also had requests regarding Spanish language classes for other location in our district which we plan to address this coming year.

In His Service,

*Pat Hogan*
Pat Hogan, East District Co-Director of Lay Servant Ministries
EAST DISTRICT TRAINING CONFERENCE

November 16, 2019

“Equipping for Renewal”. This was the theme of the East District Training Conference and gathered members from all over our vast District. The Greater San Gabriel Valley Mission Area was honored to plan and present this event.

The event began with rousing Praise Songs led by Pastor John Oh and his group. One could feel that energy when all were participating in the joy of music.

Rev. Alan Fadling was our Keynote Speaker featuring the topic “Unhurried Leaders Equipping for Renewal”. The value of taking time necessary to find renewal for the challenge of spreading God’s Word and leading in a way that made it feasible. How each of us has a gift and the importance of guiding others in seeking to make Disciples for the Transformation of the World.

The goal of the Planning Committee was to make this event relevant, not only to those in leadership positions, but also to those Laity wishing to know how best to focus their time and talents in the business of forwarding the work of the Church. The topics were varied and included a wide range of guidance and information. A heartfelt thank you to all of those who presented these sessions.

1. Board of Trustees represented by Sherri Cort, Finance Committee represented by Dan Griffin, Staff Parish Relations represented by Jan Hanson. They first presented as a panel prior to breaking out in their specialized fields.
2. “The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship” was hosted by Diane Gin and Liz Roark in an assembly of Laity looking at the scripture and the responsibility each one shared.
3. “Clergy workshop” with Rev. Fadling in discussion from the perspective of those leading in that role.
4. “Lay Servant Ministry” presented by Howard Fallman
5. “Youth Leadership” presented by Franklyn Shen
6. “From Fellowship to hospitality” presented by Eutha Hankinson
7. “Accountable Small Groups” presented by Rev. Dr. Terry Van Hook
9. I’m the Lay Leader of our Church...Now What?” presented by Annie Solomon and Diane Gin
11. “Encounter God through Group Bible Reading” presented by Rev. Dr. Chin Cheak Yu in Cantonese.

We wish to thank Good Shepherd UMC of Arcadia for their hospitality. The members were indispensable in helping to provide brunch and lunch as well as assistance with all the aspects of an undertaking of this magnitude. It certainly takes a team effort to ensure a successful event.

The closing service was the perfect “Beginning” to meet the challenges ahead, led by Pastor Martin Finau.

Looking back at the excitement felt, shared and the connections made, this was an opportunity for networking which is so important on the District level as well as the Annual Conference level. We are all working toward the one goal of discipleship and many dedicated hands make it that much more effective and possible.

Yours in Christ,

The Planning Committee of the Greater San Gabriel Valley Mission Area.
East District Conference Report: Young People 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the district’s young people coordinators over the last couple years. This has been a year of challenges. In spite of that, our district is filled with young people who have stepped up and are helping out. Three of the four co-presidents of the Young People’s Council are from our district. As you may or may not know, our young people are organizing the closing worship at Annual Conference again this year. We also have young people on the delegation to General/Jurisdictional Conferences. This past year camps were filled with young people not only as campers, but many came back and volunteered to be counselors and interns for the various programs. Some of our young people are doing virtual worship services during this time of social distancing and helping their churches to stay connected.

One of the things we are focused on currently is reaching out to our graduating seniors to let them know they are important and we haven’t forgotten them. To see how they are doing in this time of social distancing and how they are feeling about the graduations and proms they are missing. Working with YPC, I understand that we will be trying to put something special into the closing worship at annual conference for those graduates. We are inspired by the ways in which people have wanted to reach out and support our graduating seniors. We appreciate the support that our churches and communities have provided all of our young people this year and we look forward to continuing that.

We are continually impressed by our young people in this conference and especially those in the East District.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve,

Tim Lawler and Broghan Hunt
2019-2020 Report from East District Camp Coordinator

1. Summer 2019 showed a 5% increase in the number of campers at Wrightwood. The volunteers at Wrightwood went up from 51-55. In addition there were 8 interns. Ken and Marlene, in their second year, continued to refine program and make improvements at the campsite itself.

2. Reports from children and youth were positive plus. Feedback included high marks for the food, friends and fun. More importantly, perhaps, was the deep personal spirituality, care for others and concern for mother earth that came out loud and clear.

3. Winter camp was attended by a total of 120 campers, grades 2-12. Again, our campers came back determined to go to camp again.

4. Obviously Covid has impacted all camping for all groups in the country. CalPac Camps are working with the national organization, ACA, to determine what is best, safest and most effective plan for summer 2020. The Conference publishes weekly updates as the planning goes on. Perhaps even before you meet, decisions will be reached about how camping will go forward.

5. Please pray for our camps and our campers. Pray for camp leadership as they wrestle with what is best in these unsure times.

Peace,

Jan Carmean
JanCarmean@aol.com
909 229 2843
... and are we yet alive …
And getting the news out
To the East District?

YES!

Your **East District** is the Cal-Pac Conference leader in the publication of a monthly online newsletter … and has been for years. It has been my pleasure and challenge to be your editor for nearly a decade and with three DSs. Melissa has continued her strong support of our efforts to provide a stream of online news and ministry. Her column begins each edition.

Monthly, Eric Schmidt, Pat Hogan and Judy and Doug Lewis continue to supply a vast amount of information that is very useful for our churches and pastors and all our laity. Karen continues through everything to be a conduit for important news and “things you need to know about.”

*A lot has happened in this past year!* When we entered this time, the focus was on the denomination’s pathway onto GC2020. Much of the NEWS of the Newsletter focused on those challenges. Now, it’s **GC2021** … virtual?

... and then COVID19 hit like a bomb and, as they say, EVERYTHING changed. The amount of important news flooded from the UMNS, the Conference Office and other sources. We’ve tried to be a focal-point source for the ED.

In our newly shuttered world we suddenly were hit with our churches closed, our groups, music ministry and projects put on hold and our lives upside down. This became a great opportunity to expand the Newsletter, so I decided to go to two editions each month. There is life outside of ZOOM!

As I write this “report,” on May 20, what may be happening as you read this on May 30 could have reinvented our lives again. We’re looking at reopening our sanctuaries and restarting our choirs and small groups … all while trying to “distance” ourselves in a new ministry trying to bring us together.

No time in our lives have we faced such a challenge!

You may note that recent EDNewsletters contain links to fun, interesting and spirit-filled music, much of it newly done to bring us a healthier soul. I’ve also started invited all to send pictures of their “ministry at home” and beautiful scenes of God’s world. Please do THIS … we need to see you and your world!

Melissa challenged me to make our EDNewsletter a renewing blend of news and information balanced with “good for the soul” inspiration. We continue in that direction.

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