

Daily Summary – Thursday, June 17, 2010

California-Nevada Annual Conference

People gathered to music led by Marcia McFee. Susan Hunn, agenda chair, reviewed the agenda. Organizational motions, Nos. 1-6 (included in the first day packet), were made by Emily Allen and approved. Late items for consideration were then requested.

A motion was made by Howard Parker to set aside our Standing Rules in order to accept a late recommendation. It was seconded and approved. The Equitable Compensation Committee then presented a late item, for approval of the 2011 minimum compensation schedule; late due to unawareness that it needed to be done. It was accepted by unanimous vote and identified as Item #38.

The Cabinet presented three items for late acceptance: Discontinuation of Hamilton UMC, San Francisco; Discontinuation of Faith UMC, San Leandro; and Discontinuation of Rising Hope UMC, Alameda. These items were late due to the length of time it took to be sure all processes were completed. They were accepted unanimously and identified as Item Nos. 39, 40, and 41, respectively.

Glen Raley rose for a point of personal privilege. He announced that the Disney Institute provides training for best practices in business, and that it will be presenting that training at Modesto Centenary UMC in August. The bishop received free admission and Mickey Mouse ears.

Donna Hamilton, Epworth UMC, rose for a point of personal privilege to announce the founding of the Rueben P. Job Chair in Spiritual formation at Garrett Theological Seminary in Denver. She arranged for information pamphlets to be distributed.

Latu Koloto, co-chair of Conference Commission on Religion and Race, reported on yesterday's monitoring of the sessions: It was encouraging to see at the opening plenary a young adult seated beside the bishop. In the Clergy Session, besides the bishop, the leadership was mostly European-American. Prayers were led by racial ethnic clergy. The Laity Session was led by mostly European-American leaders, with a handful of ethnic racial leaders. The Board of Laity is comprised mostly of racial ethnic people. Questions in the Laity Session were asked exclusively by European-Americans. The worship service was very diverse in images, voices, languages, and leadership.

Bill McCord, retired clergy, Carson City, Nevada, rose for a point of personal privilege to point out that there is no place on our agenda to consider the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Laddie Perez-Galang, chair of Committee on Nominations, introduced the Nominating Report. We need more laity and diversity in our mix of nominations, and the committee would welcome suggestions and/or volunteers. There may be corrections to be made; please see committee members at their table.

Mark Zier, chair of legislative sections, presented "re-thought" sections. Changes to the schedule are: Item 22 has been withdrawn; Item 38 will be assigned to Section C, Item 39 to Section B, Items 40 and 41 to Section E. We have reduced sections from eight to six so that we can free up two rooms for a

special event. Linda Caldwell explained that there would be workshops for non-members of the session, conducted by Bishop Schnase and Marcia McFee during the time set for legislative sections to meet.

One more item that we will not be considering is Item 24. Bishop Brown ruled it out of order. The Annual Conference does not have jurisdiction to request the Judicial Council to reconsider matters that we are not a part of.

Bishop Brown introduced guests to our conference: David Malloy, staff of GBGM and conference liaison for the Advance; and Cathy Whitlatch, Western Jurisdiction mission interpreter in residence. Both will help with the mission display area and at the mission lunch today.

An announcement was made regarding asking three people to use a text number to contribute \$10 to the Imagine No Malaria campaign.

The bishop, following Bishop Schnase's practice, suggested that if a cell phone rings in plenary, the owner of the phone needs to contribute \$10 to help end malaria.

A caution was given about using the "buddy system" at night when returning to hotels.

The morning session closed with prayer.

After the noon break, the session was renewed with prayer by Burt Lin. A video about re-thinking church was shown and is available on the Conference website.

The Laity Address, or Conversation, was given by Conference Co-Lay Leaders Gayle Shearman and Burt Yin. The 2010 graduating class of ClayM Training was introduced.

Bishop's Award #1: David Haynes, district lay leader of the Shasta District, received the first Bishop's Award of the conference. He is a layman known for selflessness and an open heart. He serves his local church as chair of the church council, and also sings in the choir, cooks breakfast – virtually anything. He has taught all levels of Disciple Bible Study. Older adults find a friend in him, with assistance in getting to appointments. He has worked closely at the district level with two superintendents. As a lay leader, he has engaged many churches and inspired many people.

Jerry Haas from the Upper Room brought greetings from Karen Greenwaldt, general secretary of the Board of Discipleship in Nashville. Sarah Wilke, the new publisher, was introduced through video. The Upper Room is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Every two months 2.2 million books are printed, which are distributed to more than 100 countries in 40 languages.

An update on John Auer was given, with the good news that he is resting at the home of Reno church members.

Bishop Schnase presented *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* in the afternoon and *Five Practices of Fruitful Living* in the evening. A Celebration of Life and Reaffirmation of Baptism, "The Waters of Our Birth," concluded the afternoon.