

Daily Summary – Wednesday, June 16, 2010

California-Nevada Annual Conference

The session was called to order by Bishop Warner Brown following a spirited song and centering time led by Marcia McFee. The tone for worshipful work was set by Marcia with the theme “Radiate Joy.” The Roll Call was taken of clergy and laity members. Special recognition was given to the following clergy answering the call for 50 or more years:

John Schmidt, 69 years; Jim Corson, 59 years; Don Fado, 55 years; Oscar Escamilla, 53 years; Sarge Wright, 67 years; Bob Rainey, 52 years; Earl Langguth, 56 years; Harry Dutt, 53 years; John Albright, 63 years; Bill Beck, 52 years; John Emerson, 52 years; Don Cunningham, 55 years; John Corson, 53 years; Amos Cambric, 61 years.

Superintendent Mariellen Yoshino introduced two visitors from the United Church of Japan: Moriyoshi Murayama, Chair Person of, and Makoto Kato, Executive Secretary for, Ecumenical Ministries of UCCJ.

Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, Kathi McShane, introduced the Ordinands and those to be commissioned at this year’s conference:

Emily Lin, probationary membership commissioning toward Elder’s Orders.

Elmar de Ocera, associate membership.

Full connection Elder’s Orders: Heather Bailes Baker, Pek-Khing Gail Chiew, Jeffrey Hall, Heather Leslie Hammer, Youngrae Kim, Tana McDonald, Jeonghyun Park, Chesung Ryu, and Brenda Vaca.

Kelly Newell, director of youth and camping ministries, introduced the youth delegation and announced the National Youth Event 2011. The “Slam Dunk Malaria!” event to be held Friday evening of annual conference, in support of the Imagine No Malaria program, was introduced. Bishop Robert J. Schnase from the Missouri conference was introduced by Bishop Brown. The Bishop introduced his wife, Minnie Brown, and his executive assistant, Laura Roberson (formerly Smith).

The Bishop began the State of the Conference address with a bright orange hard hat, symbolizing the work before us as an annual conference in the midst of change and “re-construction.”

The Clergy and Laity Sessions were held separately in the afternoon.

For the Clergy Session, Conference Secretary Kristin Sachen introduced the procedure of the session following the Book of Discipline Par. 605.6. Kathi McShane moved that all those under appointment or assignment shall have voice, but not vote, in the session. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Rob Jennings-Teats reported on the progress of the appeal for pastoral support of pastors in West Angola. We have sent more than \$10,000 to West Angola this past year. Don Cunningham reported on the work of the Clergy Benefits Task Force.

Kathi McShane gave an explanation of the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry this year.

It was moved that Laura Roberson, the bishop's executive assistant, be seated and this was unanimously approved.

Emily Lin was unanimously approved for Commissioning and Provisional Membership. Elmar de Ocera was unanimously approved for Associate Membership, moving from Local Pastor.

Andrea Davidson was unanimously approved for an appointment as a pastor from another denomination, the Progressive National Baptist Convention and American Baptist Church, USA.

The Ordinands were introduced by video. They were then presented and each one was unanimously elected for Ordination and Full Membership. They are Heather Bailes Baker, Pek-Khing Gail Chiew, Jeffrey Hall, Heather Leslie Hammer, Youngrae Kim, Tana McDonald, Jeonghyun Park, Chesung Ryu, and Brenda Vaca. Heather Bailes Baker will be ordained in the New England conference through arrangements between the bishops.

Bishop Brown engaged in a time of conversation, responding to questions submitted by the session members. There will be four workshops in October led by Doug Anderson. Laity and clergy are both invited to any of these sessions. In November the combined Orders will meet again.

The Business of the Annual Conference was conducted and corrections were offered. The full report was accepted unanimously and will be published in the Conference Journal.

Retirements were moved and voted on individually, all receiving unanimous approval. The retirees are:

Janna O. Adamson, Shirley J. Brim, Tae Joon Cho, Winston A. Cruz, Karen S. Darling, Holly L. Hess, Julia D. Horne, Douglas L. Johnson, Karen E. McNeill, Linda Pickens-Jones, Martin Murdock, Richard B. Plain, Floyd Quenzer, Benoni R. Silva-Netto, Margo Tenold, and David G. Thompson.

Tim Sherburne , an associate member of the conference, was also approved for retirement.

The evening plenary was a celebration of Holy Communion, *From the Source*, led by Bishops Brown and Schnase.