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Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Secretary, Western Jurisdiction

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Welcome Letter from the Jurisdictional Secretary

Beloved Siblings in Christ throughout the Western Jurisdiction,

There is a moment when something is not what it was, but is not yet what it will be. A *liminal* moment where the subject is both past and future, and neither, at the same time. This is where we find ourselves. The 2024 Western Jurisdictional Conference is a liminal moment for us.

After decades of prophetic leadership and ecclesial disobedience, the efforts to bend the arc of the United Methodist Church toward justice have reshaped our denomination. As keeper of our jurisdictional records, I give thanks for the clergy and laity at every level of our church who honored God's call and bore the weight of prophecy. This moment did not arrive legislatively, but through the lived commitment to values that have always defined our jurisdiction.

That is why this liminal moment need not be one of anxiety. Yes, there is much unknown— the future of our structure, the role and size of the episcopacy— but we can handle these unknowns and more, by remembering and living the values that brought us here. Such values are proclaimed in our 2024 WJC theme: "Love Without Limits."

Our gathering is more than a meeting; it is the embodiment of God's grace through relationship and conferencing. It is part of our continuing journey, as individuals and as a community, to be sanctified on our way to perfect love, the true love without limit.

I am so grateful for this moment, as liminal as it may be, and even more grateful to be in and share this moment with you.

May you be blessed and be a blessing,

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

Secretary, Western Jurisdiction

Western Jurisdiction Emerging Vision

Foundational to the emerging vision of the Western Jurisdiction is the denominational mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ. The various elements of the following vision all move us in the direction of making disciples:

A home for all God's people,
gathered around a table of reconciliation and transformation:
the Western Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church is
multicultural and inclusive,
engaged in the life of its communities,
with confident, effective lay and clergy leadership who,
in diverse ministry settings,
form disciples who live out the Good News of Jesus
as global citizens.

Western Jurisdiction Active Bishops



Cedrick D. Bridgeforth



Dottie Escobedo-Frank



Sandra K Olewine

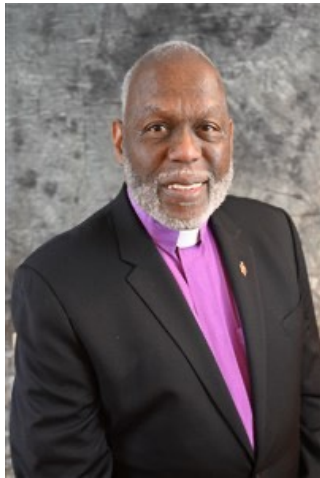


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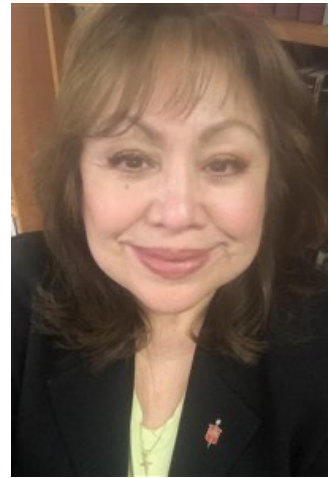


Kristin Stoneking

Western Jurisdiction Retired Bishops



Warner H. Brown



Minerva Carcaño



Elias Galvan



Grant Hagiya



Robert Hoshibata



Karen Oliveto



Roy Sano



Elaine J.W. Stanovsky



Mary Ann Swenson

Officers, Staff and Personnel

College of Bishops

Active at the Start of the 2024 WJC

Cedrick D. Bridgeforth - Greater Northwest Episcopal Area
Minerva Carcaño - San Francisco Episcopal Area
Dottie Escobedo-Frank - Los Angeles Episcopal Area
Karen Oliveto - Mountain Sky Episcopal Area
Carlo A. Rapanut - Phoenix Episcopal Area

Retired

Warner H. Brown
Elias Galvan
Grant Hagiya
Robert Hoshibata
Roy Sano
Elaine J.W. Stanovsky
Mary Ann Swenson

Ecumenical Episcopal Presence - Bishop Meggan Manlove, ELCA

Officers

Secretary - Bradley Laurvick
Secretary Elect - Beth Rambikur
Assistant Secretaries - Elizabeth Berg, Dan Lewis, Lauren Michelle Stevens
Leadership Team Co-Chairs - Monalisa Tuitahi and Anna Cho
Agenda Chair - Linda Caldwell
Episcopacy Chair - Dan Hurlbert
Program & Arrangements Chair- David Nieda
Registrar - Paige Lowery
CF&A - Kristin Stoneking
InterEthnic Coordinating Committee - Fel Cao
Nominations - Anthony Tang and Fran Lynch

Delegates by Conference

This list of delegates and reserves represents the delegations as they were elected. Due to the considerable time between election and the 2022 WJ Conference, some of the names below are no longer active in their delegations. Reserves, functioning as “Active Reserve,” fill any open seats so that delegations are fully represented.

Delegation Sizes:

Alaska	4
California-Nevada	20
California-Pacific	22
Desert Southwest	10
Oregon Idaho	8
Pacific Northwest	14
Rocky Mountain*	18
Yellowstone*	4

Total **100**

** Though merged into the Mountain Sky Conference in 2017, delegations for WJC 2024 were based off of the denominational census prior to the merger.*

Conference	First Name	Last Name	Clergy/ Lay	Delegate Type
Alaska Missionary	James	Doepken	Clergy	General Conference
Alaska Missionary	Jo Anne	Hayden	Laity	General Conference
Alaska Missionary	Daniel	Wilcox	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Alaska Missionary	Lonnie	Brooks	Laity	Jurisdictional
Alaska Missionary	Lisa	Talbott	Clergy	Reserve
Alaska Missionary	Wilma	Lynch	Laity	Reserve
Alaska Missionary	Bennie Grace	Nabua	Clergy	Reserve
California-Nevada	Kah-Jin	Kuan	Clergy	General Conference
California-Nevada	Micheal	Pope	Laity	General Conference
California-Nevada	Elizabeth	Brick	Clergy	General Conference
California-Nevada	Emily	Allen	Laity	General Conference

Conference	First Name	Last Name	Clergy/ Lay	Delegate Type
California-Nevada	Staci	Current	Clergy	General Conference
California-Nevada	Michael	Hsu	Laity	General Conference
California-Nevada	Dale	Weatherspoon	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Ryland	Fernandez	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Kristin	Stoneking	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Randolph	Miller	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Felicisimo	Cao	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Gayle	Shearman	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Theon	Johnson	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Rebecca	Cramer-Mowder	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Motoe	Yamada	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Ruby	Bago	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Kathleen	La Point-Collup	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Amanda	Bulls	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Hyok In	Kwon	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	David	Troescher	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Nevada	Bener	Agтарap	Clergy	Reserve
California-Pacific	Allison	Mark	Clergy	General Conference
California-Pacific	Monalisa	Tuitahi	Laity	General Conference
California-Pacific	Sandra	Olewine	Clergy	General Conference
California-Pacific	Mark	Stephenson	Laity	General Conference
California-Pacific	Molly	Vetter	Clergy	General Conference
California-Pacific	Mele	Maka	Laity	General Conference
California-Pacific	Tom	Choi	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Rachel	Gipson	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Frank	Wulf	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Jason	Takagi	Laity	Jurisdictional

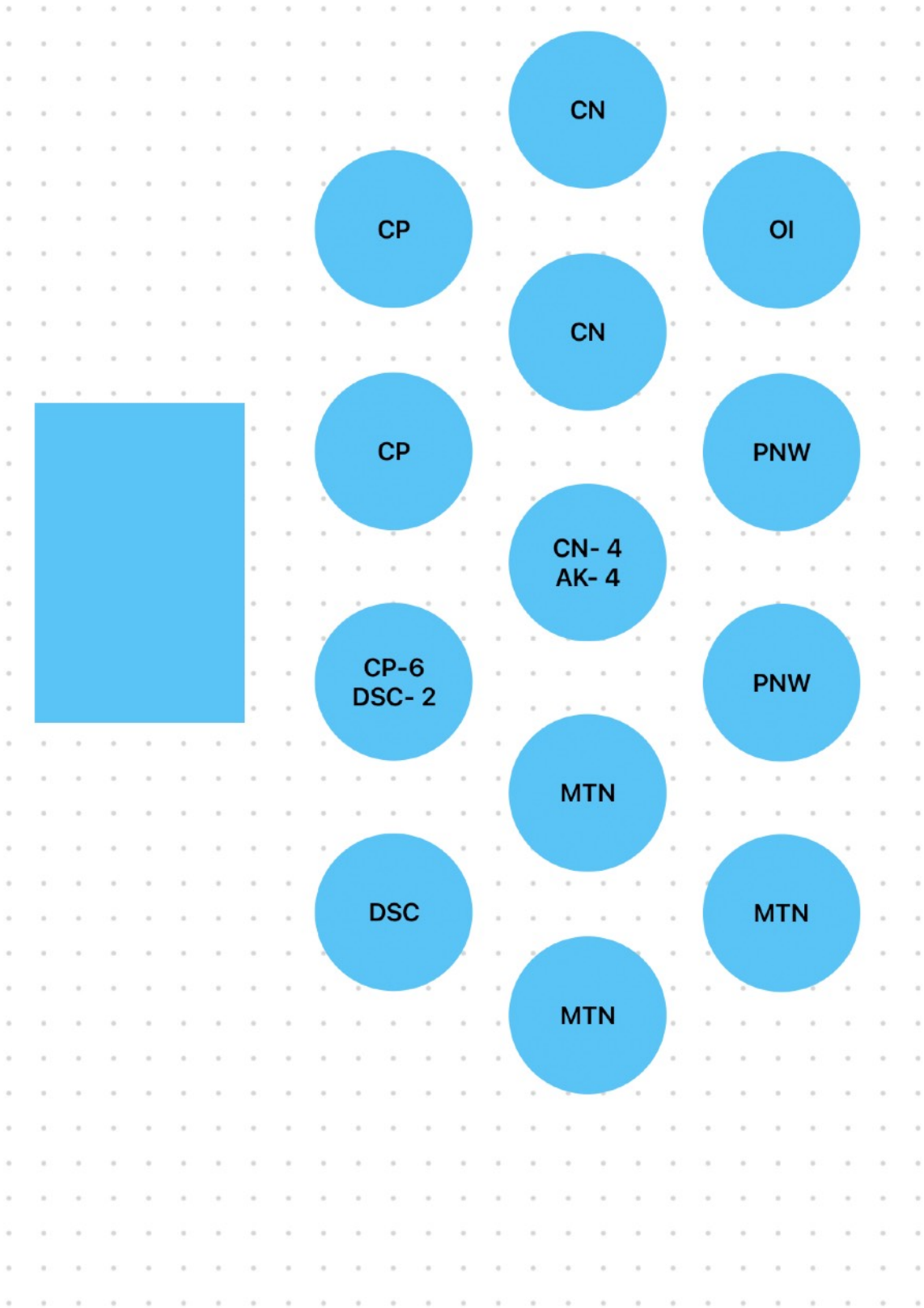
Conference	First Name	Last Name	Clergy/ Lay	Delegate Type
California-Pacific	Richard	Bentley	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Dione	Taylor	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Patricia	Farris	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Mary	Blagojevich	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Judy	Chung	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Elizabeth	Roark	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Mandy	McDow	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Katharine	Henry	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Moonyoung	Lee	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Larry	Hygh	Laity	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Denyse	Barnes	Clergy	Reserve
California-Pacific	Ken	Walden	Clergy	Jurisdictional
California-Pacific	Sierra	Choi	Laity	Reserve
California-Pacific	Meleanitema	Sapoi-Finau	Laity	Reserve
California-Pacific	Catherine	Raymond Wilson	Laity	Reserve
Desert Southwest	Daniel	Hurlbert	Clergy	General Conference
Desert Southwest	Paul	Gomez	Laity	General Conference
Desert Southwest	Anthony	Tang	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Desert Southwest	Julie	O'Neal	Laity	Jurisdictional
Desert Southwest	Elizabeth	Rambikur	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Desert Southwest	Trinity	Donovan	Laity	Jurisdictional
Desert Southwest	Deanna Dee	Lombardi	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Desert Southwest	Carla	Whitmire	Laity	Jurisdictional
Desert Southwest	Mary	Klaehn	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Desert Southwest	Jessica	Brown	Laity	Jurisdictional
Desert Southwest	Javier	Olivares	Clergy	Reserve
Desert Southwest	Matthew	Harris	Laity	Reserve

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Desert Southwest	Timote	Piukala	Clergy	Reserve
Oregon-Idaho	Wendy	Woodworth	Clergy	General Conference
Oregon-Idaho	Janice	Nelson	Laity	General Conference
Oregon-Idaho	Anna	Cho	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Oregon-Idaho	Mark	Bateman	Laity	Jurisdictional
Oregon-Idaho	Donna	Pritchard	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Oregon-Idaho	Kylie	Nelson	Laity	Jurisdictional
Oregon-Idaho	Jeremy	Smith	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Oregon-Idaho	Paige	Lowery	Laity	Jurisdictional
Oregon-Idaho	Daryl	Blanksma	Clergy	Reserve
Oregon-Idaho	Sara	Goetze	Laity	Reserve
Oregon-Idaho	Jorge	Rodriguez Vasquez	Clergy	Reserve
Oregon-Idaho	Paul	Nickell	Laity	Reserve
Pacific Northwest	Elizabeth	Schindler	Clergy	General Conference
Pacific Northwest	Alison	Bihl	Laity	General Conference
Pacific Northwest	Gregory	Sealey	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Pacific Northwest	Brant	Henshaw	Laity	Jurisdictional
Pacific Northwest	Kathleen	Weber	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Pacific Northwest	Dionica Lauren	Sy	Laity	Jurisdictional
Pacific Northwest	Joe	Kim	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Pacific Northwest	Falisha	Hola	Laity	Jurisdictional
Pacific Northwest	Daniel	Del Rosario	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Pacific Northwest	Kristina	Gonzalez	Laity	Jurisdictional
Pacific Northwest	Jennifer	Phillips	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Pacific Northwest	Marie	Kuch-Stanovsky	Laity	Jurisdictional
Pacific Northwest	Shalom	Agtarap	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Pacific Northwest	Nancy	Tam Davis	Laity	Jurisdictional

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Pacific Northwest	Austin	Adkinson	Clergy	Reserve
Pacific Northwest	Erin	Tombaugh	Laity	Reserve
Pacific Northwest	Nicholas	Romeijn-Stout	Clergy	Reserve
Pacific Northwest	Kay	Barckley	Clergy	Reserve
Rocky Mountain	Jasper	Peters	Clergy	General Conference
Rocky Mountain	Havea	Tukutau	Laity	General Conference
Rocky Mountain	Jessica	Rooks	Clergy	General Conference
Rocky Mountain	Gayla	Slauson	Laity	General Conference
Rocky Mountain	Megan	Burg	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Douglas	Palmer	Laity	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Jeffrey	Rainwater	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Nathaniel	Taiwo	Laity	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Emily	Hagan	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Amy	Go	Laity	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Travis	Walker	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Judith	Hill	Laity	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Eric	Smith	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	John	Angermayr	Laity	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Philip	Rogers	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Susan	McIntosh	Laity	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Tiffany	Keith	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Stephanie	Kirk	Laity	Jurisdictional
Rocky Mountain	Sione	Tukutau	Clergy	Reserve
Rocky Mountain	Jane	Uylaki	Laity	Reserve
Rocky Mountain	AJ	Bush	Clergy	Reserve
Rocky Mountain	Bruce	Berger	Laity	Reserve
Rocky Mountain	Calvin	Hill	Clergy	Reserve

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Rocky Mountain	Curtis	Gay	Laity	Reserve
Yellowstone	Dawn	Maurer-Skerritt	Clergy	General Conference
Yellowstone	Camille	Castles	Laity	General Conference
Yellowstone	Mark	Calhoun	Clergy	Jurisdictional
Yellowstone	Diane	Martin	Laity	Jurisdictional
Yellowstone	Lynn	Jackson	Clergy	Reserve
Yellowstone	Maryann	Hall	Laity	Reserve
Yellowstone	Allison	Skillman	Clergy	Reserve
Yellowstone	Grant	Skerritt	Laity	Reserve
Yellowstone	Zach	Bechtold	Clergy	Reserve
Yellowstone	Molly	King	Laity	Reserve

Seating



Agenda

Wednesday, July 10th

9:00-11:30am	Community Engagement
12:00-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30-2:30pm	Opening Worship and Episcopal Address
2:30-2:45pm	Break
2:45-4:00pm	Opening Business
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner
7:00-9:00pm	Candidate Engagement Process

Thursday, July 11th

8:30-9:00am	Devotions
9:00-10:30am	Situation Rooms
10:30-11:00am	Candidate Speeches
11:00-12:30pm	Plenary
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30-6:00pm	Plenary including presentation of nominations
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner
7:00-8:00	Memorial Service (with communion)

Friday, July 12th

8:30-9:00am	Devotions
9:00am-12:30pm	Plenary including presentation of budget
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30-2:00pm	Retirement Celebration for Bishop Minerva Carcaño
2:00-4:30pm	Plenary including WJLT and CoNAM reports, approval of nominations and budget
4:30-5:00pm	Retirement Celebration for Bishop Karen Oliveto
5:00-6:00	Retirement Reception

Saturday, July 13th

8:30-9:00am	Organizational Meetings for Committees
9:00-10:00am	Plenary including the reading of assignments
10:30-11:30am	Consecration Service

Nominations

Comm.	First Name	Last Name	Original Election Date	Lay/ C	Gender	Race	Conf.	Age	LGBTQIA
General Church Positions									
ACEIR: Advisory Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relationship									
ACEIR	Matt	Franks	7/12/24	C	M	NA	RMC	A	
ACEIR	Philip	Rogers	7/12/24	C	M	W	RMC	A	
Commission on General Conference									
CoGC	Monalisa	Tuitahi	5/2/24	L	F	PI	Cal-Pac	A	
Connectional Table									
CT	Israel	Alvaran	7/12/24	C-E	M	AS	Cal-Pac	A	Yes
Discipleship Ministries: General Board of Discipleship									
GBOD	Dawn	Skerritt	7/12/24	C	F	W	YAC	A	
GBCS: General Board of Church and Society									
GBCS	Joey	Lopez	7/12/24	L	M	W	PNW	A	Yes
GBCS	Allison	Mark	2016	C-E	F	AS	Cal-Pac	A	
GBCS	Susan	McIntosh	7/12/24	L	F	W	RMC	A	
GBHEM: General Board of Higher Education and Ministry									
GBHEM	Jorge	Domingues	7/12/24	C-E	M		Cal-Nev	A	
GCAH: General Commission on Archives & History									
GCAH	Kelly	Murdock-Billy	6/25/24	C-E	F	W	YAC	A	
GCAH	Jeremy	Smith	2016	C-E	M	W	OR-ID	A	
GCAH	Stephen	Yale	5/2/24	C-E	M	W	Cal-Nev	OA	
GCFA: General Council on Finance and Administration									
GCFA	Samuel	Hong	5/2/24	C	M	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
GCORR: General Commission on Religion and Race									
GCORR	Micheal	Pope	7/12/24	L	F	AA/B	Cal-Nev	OA	

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GCCR	Jason	Tucker	2016	L	M	W	Cal-Pac	A	
GCSRW: General Commission on the Status and Role of Women									
GCSRW	Paige	Lowry	7/12/24	L	F	W	OR-ID	YA	Yes
Global Ministries: General Board of Global Ministries									
GBGM	Bishop Cedrick	Bridgeforth	5/2/24	Bish.					
GBGM	Andy	Bartel	7/12/24	C	M	W	AK	A	
GBGM	Michael	Mitchell	7/12/24	L	M	AA/B	Cal-Pac	A	
Judicial Council									
JC	Angela	Brown	5/2/24	C-D	F	AA/B	Cal-Nev	OA	Yes
OCUIR: Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships									
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Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters									
SCCCM	Bishop Minerva	Carcaño	5/2/24	bishop					
SCCCM	Kah-Jin Jeffrey	Kuan	5/2/24	C-E	M	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
SCCCM	Mele	Maka	5/2/24	L	F	PI	Cal-Pac	A	
UMCom: General Commission on Communication									
UMCom	Beth	Rambikur	2019	C-E	F	W	DSC	A	Yes
United Methodist Publishing House									
UMPH	Larry	Hygh	2024	L	M	AA/B	Cal-Pac	A	Yes
Wespath: General Board of Pension and Health Benefits									
Wespath	Lynn	Miller Jackson	5/2/24	C-E	F	AA/B	Mtn-Sky	A	
Wespath	Elizabeth	Schindler	2017	C-E	F	W	PNW	A	
WJ Positions									
WJ Sect.	Beth	Rambikur	2024	C-E	F	W	DSC	A	Yes

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WJ Treas.	Matt	Kuss	2024	L	M	W	DSC	A	
Administrative Review Committee									
ARC	Jessica	Rooks	2022	C-E	F	W	RMC	A	
ARC	Trinity	Donovan	2022	L	F	W	DSC	A	
ARC	Theon	Johnson	7/12/24	C-E	M	AA/B	Cal-Nev	A	
ARC	Joe	Kim	2022	C-E	M	AS	PNW	A	
ARC	Bennie Grace	Nabua	2022	C-E	F	AS	AK	A	
ARC	Jeremy	Smith	2022	C-E	M	W	OR-ID	A	
ARC	Jason	Takagi	2022	L	M	AS	Cal-Pac	A	
Appeals, Committee on									
Appeals	Jeff	Rainwater	2022	C-E	M	W	RMC	A	
Appeals	Pamela	Gray	2022	L	F	W	DSC	OA	
Appeals	Rosie	Guadarama	9/21/23	L	F	ME	Cal-Pac	OA	
Appeals	Lydia	Henry	2022	L	F	W	OR-ID	A	
Appeals	Karen	McRae	2022	C-E	F	W	YAC	A	
Appeals	Derek	Nakano	2022	C-E	M	AS	PNW	A	
Appeals	Melissa	Rynders	2022	C-E	F	W	DSC	A	
Appeals	Ruben	Torres	7/12/24	C-LP	M		Cal-Pac	A	
Appeals	Saia	Tui'tahi	2022	C-E	M	PI	Cal-Pac	A	
Appeals	Andy	Bartel	2022	C-E	M	W	AK	A	
Appeals	DJ	Del Rosario	2022	C-E	M	AS	PNW	A	
Appeals	Shinya	Goto	2022	C-E	M	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
Appeals	Sherry	Hill	9/21/23	L	F	NA	Mtn-Sky	A	
Appeals	Donna	Pritchard	2022	C-E	F	W	OR-ID	OA	

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Appeals	Liwliwa	Robledo	9/21/23	L	F	AS	Mtn-Sky	OA	
Appeals	Mark	Smith	7/12/24	C-LP	M	W	Cal-Nev	A	
Appeals	Burt P.	Yin	9/21/23	L	M	AS	Cal-Nev	OA	
Archives and History									
A&H	Kelly	Murdock-Billy		C-E	F	W	YAC	A	
A&H	Lori	Alton	2022	L	F	W	OR-ID	A	
A&H	Barbara	Fike	2024?	L	F	W	DSC	OA	
A&H	Larry	Hayden	2022	L	M	W	AK	OA	
A&H	Robert	Isip	2022	C-E	M	AS	Cal-Pac	A	
A&H	Nancy	Mead		C-E	F	W	Mtn-Sky	OA	
A&H	Pam	Osborne		C-E	F	W	PNW	OA	
A&H	Stephen	Yale	2022	C-E	M	W	Cal-Nev	OA	
Assoc. of Lay Leaders									
ALL	Alberta	Farnsworth		L	F	W	DSC	OA	
ALL	Falisha	Hola		L	F	PI	PNW	YA	
ALL	Mele	Maka	2020	L	F	PI	Cal-Pac	A	
ALL	Susan	McIntosh	2024	L	F	W	Mtn-Sky	A	
ALL	Paul	Nickell		L	M	W	OR-ID	OA	Yes
ALL	Micheal	Pope	2022	L	F	AA/B	Cal-Nev	OA	
ALL	Wes	Reynolds	2024	L	M	W	Mtn-Sky	A	
ALL	Gayla Jo	Slauson	2024	L	F	W	Mtn-Sky	A	
ALL	Melanie	Venables	2024	L	nb	W	AK	A	Yes
Communicators									
Comm	Alyssa	Fisher		L	F	W	Cal-Pac	A	

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Comm	Kristen	Caldwell		L	F	W	OR-ID	A	
Comm	Christina	Dillabough		L	F	ME	DSC	A	
Comm	Jim	Doepken		C	M	W	AK	A	
Comm	Selby	Ewing		L	F	W	Cal-Nev	A	
Comm	Patrick	Scriven		L	M	W	PNW	A	
Comm	Evelyn	Warren		L	F	W	Mtn-Sky	A	
Congregational Development									
CD	Rachel	Gilmore		C-E	F	W	DSC	A	
CD	Annie	Arnoldy		C-E	F	W	Mtn-Sky	A	
CD	Kristina	Gonzalez		L	F		PNW	A	
CD	Martin	Lee		C-E	M	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
CD	Kenneth	Suhr		C-E	M	AS	Cal-Pac	A	
Connectional Ministries									
ConMin	David	Valera		C-E	M	AS	PNW	A	
ConMin	Annie	Arnoldy		C-E	F	W	Mtn-Sky	A	
ConMin	Laurie	Day		L	F	W	OR-ID	A	
ConMin	Erin	Hawkins		L	F	AA/B	Cal-Pac	A	
ConMin	Martin	Lee		C-E	M	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
ConMin	Khalif	Smith		C-E	M	AA/B	DSC	A	
ConMin	Lisa	Talbott		C-E	F	W	AK	A	
Credentials Committee									
Cred	Daryl	Blanksma	2022	C-E	M	W	OR-ID	A	
Cred	Ryland	Fernandez	2022	L	M	AS	Cal-Nev	YA	
Cred	Amy	Go	2022	L	F	W	RMC	A	
Cred	Jenny	Philips	2022	C	F	W	PNW	A	

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Cred	Grant	Skerritt	2022	L	M	W	YAC	YA	
Cred	Lisa	Talbott	2020	C	F	W	AK	A	
Cred	Carla	Whitmire	7/12/24	L	F	W	DSC	OA	
Cred	Frank	Wulf	2022	C-E	M	W	Cal-Pac	OA	
Episcopacy Committee									
COE	Dan	Hurlbert	2016	C-E	M	W	DSC	A	
COE	Emily	Allen	2016	L	F	W	Cal-Nev	A	
COE	Jan	Nelson	2012	L	F	W	OR-ID	OA	
COE	Jim	Doeken	2022	C	M	W	AK	A	
COE	Paul	Gómez	2022	L	M		DSC	YA	
COE	JoAnne	Hayden	2016	L	F	W	AK	OA	
COE	Jeffrey	Kuan	2016	C-E	M	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
COE	Allison	Mark	2022	C-E	F	AS	Cal-Pac	A	
COE	Skylar	Marston Bihl	2022	L	nb	W	PNW	A	
COE	Diane	Martin	7/4/24	L	F	W	YAC	OA	
COE	Jasper	Peters	2022	C-E	M	AA/B	RMC	A	
COE	Gregg	Sealey	2022	C-E	M	W	PNW	A	
COE	Dawn	Skerritt	2022	C	F	W	YAC	A	
COE	Gayla Jo	Slauson	2022	L	F	W	RMC	A	
COE	Monalisa	Tu'itahi	2022	L	F	PI	Cal-Pac	A	
COE	Wendy	Woodworth	2022	C-E	F	W	OR-ID	A	
Finance and Admin, Council on									
CFA	Kay	Barckley	2016	C-D	F	W	PNW	OA	
CFA	Bill	Beverage	2022	L	M	W	DSC	OA	
CFA	Marshall	Beville	2022	L	M	W	OR-ID	A	
CFA	Amanda	Bulls-Stevens	2022	L	F	W	Cal-Nev	A	

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					Gender	Race		Age	LGBTQIA
CFA	Andy	Gilg	7/12/24	L	M	W	AK	A	
CFA	Brant	Henshaw	2016	L	M	W	PNW	A	
CFA	Judy	Hill	2022	L	M	W	RMC	OA	
CFA	Diane	Martin	2022	L	F	W	YAC	OA	
CFA	Javier	Olivares	2016	C-E	M		DSC	A	
CFA	Sami	Pack-Toner	2022	C-E	F	W	YAC	A	
CFA	Nico	Reijns	7/12/24	C	M	W	AK	A	
CFA	Gigi	Siekkinen	2022	C-E	F	W	OR-ID	A	
CFA	Dione	Taylor	2022	L	F	AA/B	Cal-Pac	OA	
CFA	Molly	Vetter	2022	C-E	F	W	Cal-Pac	A	
CFA	Travis	Walker	2022	C	F	W	RMC	A	
WJ Treasurer									
Higher Education & Campus Ministry									
HECM	Brian	Anderson	2022	L	M	W	AK	A	
HECM	Lindsey	Bell Kerr	2022	C	nb	W	Cal-Nev	A	Yes
HECM	Stephanie	Beverage	2022	L	F	W	DSC	A	
HECM	Soteria	Galo	2022	L	F	PI	OR-ID	A	
HECM	Danny	McIntosh	2022	L	M	W	RMC	A	
HECM	Blair	Stowe		C	F	W	Cal-Pac	A	
HECM	Cory	Young		C-E	M	W	YAC	A	
Hispanic/Latinx Ministry Council									
HLMC	Cruz Edwin	Santos					PNW		
HLMC	Marcelo	Escarzaga	2022	C	M		Cal-Nev	A	
HLMC	Joel	Hortiales		C	M		Cal-Pac	A	
Inter-Ethnic Coordinating Committee									

Comm.	First Name	Last Name	Original Election Date	Lay/ C	Gender	Race	Conf.	Age	LGBTQIA
IECC	Joel	Hortiales		C	M		Cal-Pac	A	
IECC	Troy	Carr		C-E	F	AA/B	PNW	A	
IECC	Vathanak	Heang		C	M	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
IECC	Mary	Chang		L	F	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
Investigation, Committee on									
Inv	Andy	Dunning	2016	C	M	W	RMC	A	
Inv	Mark	Galang	2022	C	M	AS	PNW	A	
Inv	Kathy	LaPoint Collup	2016	C	F	W	Cal-Nev	A	
Inv	Ann	Lyter	7/12/24	C-E	F	W	DSC	A	
Inv	Jasper	Peters	7/12/24	C-E	M	AA/B	Mtn-Sky	A	Yes
Inv	Jose	Vindel	7/12/24	C-E	M		Cal-Pac	A	
Inv	Kathey	Wilborn	2016	C	F	AA/B	Cal-Pac	A	
Inv	Rosa	Washington	2022	L	F	AA/B	Cal-Nev	OA	
Inv	Susan	Williams	7/12/24	L	F	W	AK	OA	
Inv	Myrna	Bernadel-Huey	2016	C	F	AA/B	Cal-Nev	A	
Inv	Linda	Loesburg-Zahl	2016	C	F	W	Cal-Nev	A	
Inv	Sarah	Merchant	2022	C	F	W	Mtn-Sky	A	
Inv	Thomas	Orquiza-Renardo	7/12/24	C-E	M	W	OR-ID	A	
Inv	Elizabeth	Schindler	2022	C-E	F	W	PNW	A	
Inv	Cathy	Wilson	7/12/24	L	F	W	Cal-Pac	A	
Korean Ministry Council									
KMC	Eugene	Han		C-E	M	AS	Cal-Pac	OA	
KMC	Samuel	Hong		C	M	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
KMC	Hannah	Ka		C-E	F	AS	Cal-Pac	A	

Comm.	First Name	Last Name	Original Election Date	Lay/C	Gender	Race	Conf.	Age	LGBTQIA
KMC	Woong-Min	Kim		C	M	AS	Cal-Pac	OA	
KMC	Brian Suk-Boo	Lee		C	M	AS	Cal-Pac	A	
KMC	Changmin	Lee		C	M	AS	Cal-Pac	A	
KMC	Ki Yong	Lee		C-E	M	AS	DSC	OA	
KMC	Moonyoung	Lee		C-E	F	AS	Cal-Pac	A	
KMC	Kye Young	Song	2022	C	M	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
Leadership Team									
WJLT	Anna	Cho	1/14/23	C	F	AS	OR-ID	A	
WJLT	Monalisa	Tuitahi	1/14/23	L	F	PI	Cal-Pac	A	
WJLT	Mark	Galang	1/14/23	C	M	AS	PNW	A	
WJLT	Susan	Williams	1/14/23	L	F	W	AK	OA	
WJLT	Zach	Bechtold	1/14/23	C-E	M	W	YAC	A	
WJLT	Armando	Espinoza	9/21/23	L	M		PNW	OA	
WJLT	Landon	Isingoma	1/14/23	L	M	ME	DSC	Y	
WJLT	Kristi	McGuire	1/14/23	C	F	W	AK	A	
WJLT	Susan	McIntosh	1/14/23	L	F	W	RMC	A	
WJLT	Kim	Montenegro	1/14/23	C-E	F	ME	Cal-Nev	A	
WJLT	Deborah	Oh	1/14/23	C-E	F	AS	Cal-Pac	A	
WJLT	Lulu	Sapigao	1/14/23	L	F	AS	Cal-Nev	YA	
WJLT	Teri	Watanabi	1/14/23	L	F	W	OR-ID	A	
WJLT	Dan	Hurlbert	2016	C-E	M	W	DSC	A	
WJLT	Matt	Kuss	2024	L	M	W	DSC	A	
WJLT	Beth	Rambikur	2024	C-E	F	W	DSC	A	Yes
Nominations Committee									
Nom	Fran	Lynch	2016	L	F	W	AK	OA	

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Nom	Anthony	Tang	2022	C-E	M	AS	DSC	A	
Nom	Elizabeth	Brick	2022	C-E	F	W	Cal-Nev	A	Yes
Nom	Michael	Hsu	2022	L	M	AS	Cal-Nev	YA	
Nom	Julie	O'Neal	2022	L	F	AS	DSC	A	
Nom	Mark	Bateman	2022	L	M	W	OR-ID	A	
Nom	Megan	Burg	6/21/24	C-E	F	W	RMC	A	Yes
Nom	Mark	Calhoun	2022	C-E	M	W	YAC	A	
Nom	Anna	Cho	2022	C	F	AS	OR-ID	A	
Nom	Kristina	Gonzalez	2022	L	F		PNW	A	
Nom	Bennie Grace	Nabua	2022	C	F	AS	AK	A	
Nom	Tom	Choi	7/12/24	C-E	M	AS	Cal-Pac	OA	
Nom	Grant	Skerritt	7/4/24	L	M	W	YAC	YA	
Nom	Mark	Stephenson	2022	CLM	M	W	Cal-Pac	A	
Nom	Kunle	Taiwo	6/18/24	L	M	W	RMC	OA	
Nom	Kathleen	Weber	2022	C-E	F	W	PNW	A	
Program and Arrangements									
P&A	David	Nieda	2016	C-E	M	AS	PNW	YA	
P&A	Liz	Roark	2016	L	F	W	Cal-Pac	OA	
P&A	Ruby	Bago	2016	L	F	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
P&A	Maryann	Hall	2022	L	F	NA	YAC	A	
P&A	Robert (Bob)	Klein	7/12/24	C-LP	M	W	DSC	OA	Yes
P&A	Autumn	Kreuger	7/12/24	C	F	W	AK	A	
P&A	Paige	Lowery	2022	L	F	W	OR-ID	Y	
P&A	Matt	Kuss	2024	L	M	W	DSC	A	
P&A	Beth	Rambikur	2024	C-E	F	W	DSC	A	Yes

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Rules Committee									
Rules	Jeremy	Smith	2016	C-E	M	W	OR-ID	A	
Rules	Erin	Tombaugh	9/21/23	L	F	W	PNW	A	
Rules	Richard	Bentley	2016	C-E	M	W	Cal-Pac	OA	
Rules	Megan	Burg	2022	C-E	F	W	RMC	A	
Rules	Felicisimo	Cao	6/25/24	C-E	M	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
Rules	Timote	Piukala	2022	C-E	M	PI	DSC	A	
Rules	Daniel	Wilcox	6/25/24	C-E	M	W	AK	A	
Rules	Jan	Witman	2022	C-E	F	W	YAC	A	
Rules	Beth	Rambikur	2024	C-E	F	W	DSC	A	Yes
Taskforce on Permeable Boundaries									
TPB	Dee Dee	Azhikakath	1/14/23	C-E	F	AS	DSC	A	
TPB	Denyse	Barnes	1/14/23	C-E	F	W	Cal-Pac	A	
TPB	Marie (Chivi)	Crookes	1/14/23	L	F		AK	A	
TPB	Laurie	Day	1/14/23	L	F	W	OR-ID	A	
TPB	Julia	Frisbee	1/14/23	L	F	W	PNW	A	
TPB	Rachel	Gipson	1/14/23	L	F	W	Cal-Pac	A	
TPB	Matthew	Harris	1/14/23	L	M	W	DSC	A	
TPB	Stephanie	Moffitt	1/14/23	L	F	W	RMC	A	
TPB	Derek	Nakano	1/14/23	C-E	M	AS	PNW	A	
TPB	Mina	Nau-Mahe	1/14/23	C	F	PI	RMC	A	
TPB	Gayle	Shearman	1/14/23	L	F	W	Cal-Nev	A	
TPB	Jared	Stine	1/14/23	C-E	M	W	YAC	A	
TPB	Lisa	Talbott	1/14/23	C	F	W	AK	A	
TPB	John	Tucker	1/14/23	C-E	M	W	OR-ID	A	
TPB	Dale	Weatherspoon	1/14/23	C	M	AA/B	Cal-Nev	A	

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United Methodist Men									
United Women in Faith									
UWF	Linda	Wright	2024	L	F	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
Volunteers in Mission									
VIM	Steve	Elliott		L	M	W	Cal-Nev	OA	
Young Adult Ministry									
YAM	Ivana	Heang	2024	C	F	AS	Cal-Nev	A	
Youth Ministry									
Youth	Jaekuk	Jo	2024	C	M	AS	Cal-Nev	A	

Abbreviations:

Y: Youth, 12-18

YA: Young Adult, 18-30

A: Adult, 31-64

OA: Older Adult. 65+

AA/B (African-American/Black)

AS (Asian or Asian-American)

H/L (Hispanic/Latina/Latino/Latinx)

ME (Multi-Ethnic)

NA (Native American)

PI (Pacific Islander)

W (Euro-American/White)

Nominations Report Statistics	General Boards & Agencies only		Western Jurisdiction only	
	Number	%	Number	%
Gender:				
female	12	46%	114	55%
male	14	54%	91	44%
non-binary	0	0%	3	1%
Total:	26		208	
LGBTQIA	6		11*	New tracking is
			not yet fully recorded.	
Ethnicity:				
Hispanic, Latina/Latino	2	7%	12	6%
Race:				
AA/B (African- American/ Black)	5	19%	12	6%
AS (Asian or Asian-American)	5	19%	46	22%
ME (Multi- Ethnic)	0	0%	4	2%
NA (Native American)	1	4%	2	1%
PI (Pacific Islander)	2	7%	8	4%
W (Euro- American/ White)	12	44%	125	60%
Total:	27		209	

Nominations Report Statistics	General Boards & Agencies only		Western Jurisdiction only	
Conference:				
AK	1	4%	28	11%
Cal-Nev	6	23%	39	15%
Cal-Pac	7	27%	40	15%
DSC	2	8%	39	15%
GNW	0	0%	0	0%
Mtn-Sky	1	4%	12	5%
OR-ID	2	8%	29	11%
PNW	2	8%	31	12%
RM Legacy	3	12%	22	8%
YS Legacy	2	8%	21	8%
Total:	26		261	
Age Range:				
Y (12-18)	0	0%	2	1%
YA (19-30)	1	4%	8	4%
A (31-64)	22	85%	161	77%
OA (65+)	3	12%	37	18%
Total:	26		208	

Daily Proceedings

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 - Day One

The day began with an afternoon session at Centennial Hotel in Spokane, WA on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. We began with gathering songs led by David King (Clergy, Oregon-Idaho), Jorge Rodriguez (Clergy, Oregon-Idaho), Amanda Bulls-Stephens (Laity, Cal-Nev). They led in music throughout the proceedings.

Opening worship began at 1:30p with a Call to Worship by Joe Kim. Rev. Brad Laurvick gave a land acknowledgement and commitment.

We gathered on traditional lands of the Spokane Tribe of Indians, one of the Inland Salish speaking tribes. As the Western Jurisdiction (aka WJ) we go beyond words to embody acts of repair. As the Western Jurisdiction we do this through resourcing Native and Indigenous-led groups and supporting acts of land return when in the best interest of the indigenous community of that land.

Emily Allen led the body in prayer. A speech choir presented 1 John 4:7-21 by Anna Cho (Korean), Motoe Yamada Foor (Japanese), Tema Finau (Tongan), and Jorge Rodriguez (Spanish). A scripture reading was offered from Matthew 5:43-48 by Nico Reijns. Bishop Minerva Carcaño offered an Episcopal Address.

Twenty minute break called until 2:40p.

The Plenary Session began at 2:41p, Western Jurisdiction 2024 called to order by Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank.

Introductions were made by Dan Hurlbert of Active, Retired, and guest Bishops. Rev. Brad Laurvick (Jurisdictional Conference Secretary) introduced by Bishop Escobedo-Frank. Rev. Linda Caldwell (Agenda Chair) introduced the new Agenda Chair, Laura Jaquith Bartlett.

Brad Laurvick made a motion to set the bar - where voting is eligible to happen - for the conference at 2:49p (round tables with white tablecloths and those on the dais up front). He also explained the substitution process for delegates.

Vote was taken at 2:50p to approve the bar of the conference. Taken by hand and passed.

Results: PASSED

David Wood from GNTV gave voting instructions, practice vote, and team introductions.

The voting website given: wj.gntvmedia.com. Number for voting website assistance 478-245-4042.

Jeffrey Kuan (Cal-Nev, Clergy): Why are there 103 votes?

Answer: reserves voted during the practice vote

Brad Laurvick led the body in Roll Call by Conference. Mountain Sky will be referred to by Legacy Rocky Mountain and Legacy Yellowstone. Conferences present: Alaska, Cal-Nev, Cal-Pac, Desert Southwest, Oregon-Idaho, Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountain, Yellowstone.

Brad Laurvick asked for approval for the team of volunteers for work of the Secretary: Elizabeth Burg, Lauren Michelle Stevens, and Dan Lewis. Vote was taken at 2:56 by hand.

Result: PASSED

Brad Laurvick introduced Beth Rambikur, as nominee for 2024-2028 Jurisdictional Conference Secretary. Vote for Jurisdictional Secretary taken at 2:58p by voice.

Result: PASSED

Linda Caldwell presented the agenda based on the website and offered for adoption. Motion to adopt. Vote taken at 3:00p by hand.

Result: PASSED

Dan Hurlbert introduced Rev. Jasper Peters for the Episcopacy Committee Report.

General Conference set a total number of bishops at 32 and the minimum number of bishops for each Jurisdiction. No bishops from outside the WJ were able and/or willing to transfer to the WJ. With that in mind, the Episcopacy Committee moves that we elect 2 bishops for the WJ.

Jasper Peters makes a motion at 3:07p for the WJ to elect 2 bishops.

Motion comes from the committee. No second needed.

Vote was taken at 3:07p to adopt the motion to elect 2 bishops.

Results: PASSED 93 (97.9%) yes and 2 (2.1%) no.

Motion by Lonnie Brooks (Alaska, Laity) at 3:10p.

Bishop, I move that as authorized in ¶2610.2.(f) of the United Methodist Book of Discipline of 2016, the Western Jurisdictional Conference ask the Judicial Council to provide a declaratory decision on the constitutionality of ¶404.2 as amended by General Conference 2020 delayed to 2024. The paragraph at issue was amended by Petition 20290 found on page 970 of the Advance Edition of the Daily Christian Advocate (ADCA), and it was processed by General Conference as Calendar Item 546, found on page 2236 of the Daily Christian Advocate (DCA), and again on page 2240 of

the DCA. As reported in the proceedings of the General Conference for the afternoon of April 30, 2024 at 5:50pm, Calendar Item 546 was amended by substitution and adopted by a vote of 545 to 170, where ¶404.2 was amended to read as follows: ¶404.2 In the jurisdictions, the number of bishops shall be determined on the basis of missional reasons, as approved by the General Conference on recommendation of the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. Before recommending the number of episcopal areas, the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy shall: a) consider these criteria in the following order of priority: 1. the number of charge conferences and the number of active clergy in episcopal areas; 2. the geographic size of episcopal areas; 3. the overall church membership in the annual conferences in the episcopal areas. b) conduct an analysis of the context and missional potential of changes in episcopal areas. c) analyze the capacity of the episcopal fund to determine the number of bishops that can be funded. The following groups shall be consulted during this analysis of the episcopal fund: the executive committee of the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, the officers of the Council of Bishops, and the officers of the General Council on Finance and Administration. This petition is effective immediately. ¶16.10 of the Constitution, unchanged by General Conference 2020, reads in relevant part as follows: ¶16.10. To fix a uniform basis upon which bishops shall be elected by the jurisdictional conferences and to determine the number of bishops that may be elected by central conferences. The Judicial Council is asked to decide the following questions: 1) Is the opening statement of ¶404.2, “In the jurisdictions, the number of bishops shall be determined on the basis of missional reasons,” inherently unconstitutional as being in conflict with the requirement of ¶16.10 that the General Conference “fix a uniform basis upon which bishops shall be elected by the jurisdictional conferences?” 2) Regardless of the answer to question 1) above, given criteria “b) conduct an analysis of the context and missional potential of changes in episcopal areas” and “c) analyze the capacity of the episcopal fund to determine the number of bishops that can be funded” of ¶404.2, can either or both of these criteria be considered as part of “a uniform basis” within the clear meaning of ¶16.10 as it applies to fixing the number of bishops to be elected by the jurisdictional conferences, thus rendering the entire paragraph unconstitutional? Submitted by Lonnie D. Brooks, Lay, Alaska

Second received; Lonnie offered the rationale. Communicators have made the full text available in the Quick Links section (<https://westernjurisdictionumc.org/documents/>).

Richard Bently (Cal-Pac) asked a question for clarification: Does this require a majority vote?

Answer (Bishop): Yes.

Fel Cao (Cal-Nev) asked a question: Is this in order?

Answer (B. Laurvick): Not out of order. Relates to place in agenda and Judicial Council decisions are authorized of this body.

Body asked for time to process.

Jeffery Kah-Jin Kuan (Cal-Nev) asked a question: Is this question about ¶404.2?

Answer (L. Brooks): It's about the paragraph as it was amended and made immediately effective.

Jeffery Kah-Jin Kuan (Cal-Nev) speech against.

Vote was taken at 3:23p to adopt the petition for the Declaratory Decision offered by Lonnie Brooks.

Results: DID NOT PASS 23 (24%) yes and 73 (76%) no.

Dan Hurlbert (Desert SW) explained the Election Process: Nominations (21 people at this count), nominated as a group, floor will be opened for additional nominations, speeches with specific details, opportunities to answer pre-determined questions, and then a certifying ballot. Those with a certifying number of votes will move forward with next steps tomorrow. Tomorrow will include situation rooms (roleplay), another round of questions, and then the first ballot. Following a series of votes and discussions until 2 are elected.

Introduction of Programs and Arrangements Committee by David Nieda (PNW). Nico Reijns, Linda Caldwell, Laura Jaquith Bartlett, Aileen Delgado, Ruby Bago, Liz Roark, Carla Whitmire, Paige Lowery, David King, Megan Madsen, Alyssa Amestoy, Patrick Scriven, Daniel Miranda.

Greetings offered Daniel Miranda (PNW), host District Superintendent on behalf of Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth. Alissa Amestoy (PNW) serves as Local Accommodations Chair. Offered additional security and logistical support. Ronda Cordill serves as conference nurse.

Intro of Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut. Break until 4:03p.

Bishop Rapanut called us back into session at 4:03p.

Jeremy Smith (Oregon-Idaho) brought a Rules Committee report.
Rules are available online.

Affirms 2022, 2 changes 1 clarification.

Article 1, Rule 3 - Move Memorial Service and Communion from the first day of gathering, struck "first day of."

Article 1, new Rule 4 change adds: In the spirit of the 2016 Book of Discipline ¶722 Restrictions on Closed Meetings, the Program and Arrangements Committee shall make provisions for visitors to be able to attend the jurisdictional conference either in person or online for a minimal registration fee and with no requirement to purchase meals.

Finally, reaffirmed term limit for Jurisdictional Committees. 2016-2024 will be one Quadrennia and 2022-2028 will be one quadrennia (all due to Covid-19).

Offered with these changes for approval; no second needed.

Paul Gomez (Desert Southwest) motion to amend the rules. Add "For the 2024 session of the Western Jurisdiction Conference, Rule 17.E.1:a-f (page 50 of the 2022 Journal) shall be temporarily suspended due to the timeline created by the IJCOE process. These rules shall resume after the adjournment of the 2024 session."

Seconded.

Paul Gomez gave rationale for amendment.

Vote offered by hand at 4:12p for amendment to the Rules Report.
Results: PASSED.

Anthony Tang (Desert Southwest) on behalf of the Committee on Nominations offered Amendment by Addition.

For the 2024 session of the Western Jurisdiction Conference, Rule XII.b.5 (page 58 of the 2022 Journal) shall be temporarily suspended due to the timeline created by the pandemic delay of the 2022 conference. These rules shall resume after the adjournment of the 2024 session.

Seconded. Anthony Tang gave rationale for the amendment.

Vote offered by hand at 4:15p for the amendment of the Rules Report.
Results: PASSED

Vote offered at 4:16p for the full Rules Report.
Results: PASSED 93 (98.9%) yes and 1 (1.1%) no.

Sandy Olewine (Cal-Pac) - question regarding registration pricing for this WJ Conference
Answer (B Laurvick): Registration for this WJ Conference will not be adjusted.

Emily Allen (Cal-Nev) introduced and nominated Episcopal Candidates currently listed on the website, in alphabetical order by last name.

1. Sunny Ahn
2. Charles Alkula
3. Duane Anders
4. Giovanni Arroyo
5. Andrew Bartel
6. Judy Chung

7. Karen Hernandez
8. Calvin Hill
9. Joel Hortiales
10. Brian (Suk-Boo) Lee
11. Ella Luna-Garza
12. William Douglas Mills
13. Sandra K Olewine
14. Javier Olivares
15. Brian Parcel
16. Timote Piukala
17. Jessica Rooks
18. Kristin Stoneking
19. Anthony Tang
20. Sione Teiapa'a Tukutau
21. Molly Vetter
22. Ken Walden

Nominations from the floor: none. Bishop Rapanut declared nominations closed.

Committee on Episcopacy representative, Dan Hurlbert (DSC), introduced Episcopal candidates. Episcopal Candidates not presenting virtually left the room. Motoe Yamada Foor (Cal-Nev) - point of order, request for prayer. Episcopal candidates physically present returned to the room. Bishop Sano offered prayer for the candidates. Episcopal candidates physically present left the room again. Diane Martin served as timekeeper.

Candidates presented the following information: Name, Annual Conference, Quadrenniums eligible, What was the most impactful decision of 2024 GC? GNTV presented the candidates appearing virtually first. Remaining 18 people in-person presented in-order of numbers drawn by lot.

1 - Giovanni Arroyo, Balt-WA, 6 quad; 2 - Brian Parcel, Cal-Pac, 5 quad; 3 - William Douglas Mills, New Mexico, not stated in video (2 quad); 4 - Andrew Bartel, Alaska, 4 quad; 5 - Sione Teiapa'a Tukutau, Rocky (Mtn Sky), 2 quad; 6 - Karen Hernandez, Oregon-Idaho, 6 quad; 7 - Duane Anders, Oregon-Idaho, 2 quad; 8 - Joel Hortiales, Cal-Pac, 2 quad; 9 - Ella Luna-Garza, Cal-Nev, 3 quad; 10 - Sandra K Olewine, Cal-

Pac, 1 quad ; 11 - Kristin Stoneking, Cal-Nev, 4 quad; 12 - Brian (Suk-Boo) Lee, Cal-Pac, 2 quad; 13 - Javier Olivares, Desert Southwest, not stated (4 quad); 14 - Molly Vetter, Cal-Pac, 6 quad ; 15 - Judy Chung, Cal-Pac, 4 quad; 16 - Ken Walden, Cal-Pac, not stated (4 quad) ; 17 - Sunny Ahn, Cal-Pac, 4 quad; 18 - Anthony Tang, Desert Southwest, 4 quad; 19 - Calvin Hill, Yellowstone (Mtn Sky), 2 quad; 20 - Timote Piukala, Desert Southwest, 5 quad; 21 - Jessica Rooks, Rocky (Mtn Sky), 5 quad; 22 - Charles Alkula, Rocky (Mtn Sky), 1 quad

Allison Mark (Cal-Pac) motion to call for an early recess until dinner so delegates and candidates can talk in the room without guests, cameras, and presiders.

Seconded.

Vote was taken at 5:20p by hand.

Results: PASSED

Bishop Rapanut closed us in prayer. We'll return to plenary after dinner at 7:00p.

Bishop Bridgeforth brought us back into session at 7:10p. Bishop Bridgeforth led us in prayer to set the space at this time.

Dan Hurlberg (DSC) came forward to introduce and lead the proceedings for the candidates. Each candidate had 3 minutes (after repeating the question chosen) to answer one of two questions (by IECC) previously provided.

1. What significant changes have you implemented in your leadership role to promote more equitable practices and policies. How have you disseminated these practices within your conference or among your colleagues?

2. Could you share an example of a situation in which you had to navigate a schism or conflict within an ethnic ministries context. What theological perspectives or ideologies did you draw upon to reconcile your actions?

Candidates left the room, with virtually appearing candidates presented first (in a new order) followed by those appearing in-person, who re-entered in order of drawn lot.

1 - William Douglas Mills: Q1; 2 - Giovanni Arroyo: Q1; 3 - Brian Parcel: Q1; 4 - Anthony Tang: Q1; 5 - Joel Hortiales: Q1; 6 - Calvin Hill: Q1; 7 - Ken Walden: Q2; 8 - Timote Piukala: Q2; 9 - Molly Vetter: Q1; 10 - Ella Luna-Garza: Q2; 11 - Sunny Ahn: Q2; 12 - Sandra K Olewine: Q2; 13 - Charles Alkula: not stated; 14 - Duane Anders: Q2; 15 - Brian (Suk-Boo) Lee: Q2; 16 - Sione Teiapa'a Tukutau: Q2; 17 - Jessica Rooks: Q1; 18 - Kristin Stoneking: Q1; 19 - Javier Olivares: Q1; 20 - Karen Hernandez: Q2; 21 - Judy Chung: Q1

Andrew Bartel did not participate due to being overseas.

Bishop Bridgeforth initiated a 10 minute break. We'll return at 8:49p.

We returned at 8:51p.

Prepare to vote: all nominated candidates will be listed alphabetically on the ballot and each person can vote for up to two candidates. Each candidate will need to receive 5% of the total votes cast to be certified.

Time for questions.

Richard Bently (Cal-Pac) - Clarifying question: We're averaging 95 votes, which would make 9.5, rounding up or down?

Answer (Bishop): We round up if 5% equals a decimal.

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson offered a prayer.

Vote was taken at 8:58p for the Certifying Ballot.

Catherine Henry (Cal-Pac) - Point of personal privilege - Invitation to participate in Thursdays in black, to publicly oppose rape and gender violence.

David King taught us new music for tomorrow's Memorial Service.

Results of the Certifying Ballot:

7 Certified Candidates - Kristin Stoneking (31), Timote Piukala (29), Sandra K Olewine (19), Jessica Rooks (19), Judy Chung (16), Anthony Tang (14), Molly Vetter (12)

Total votes 188

Brad Laurvick vote counts for candidates who were not certified are available via one-on-one conversation with the Secretary.

Bishop Brown offered a word of prayer.

Linda Caldwell informed the body that we'll begin the next day at 8:30a to continue with the election process and the Situation Room roleplay.

Bishop Bridgeforth led us into recess until tomorrow morning, when Bishop Karen Oliveto will preside.

Thursday, July 11, 2024 - Day Two

The day began with a morning session at Centennial Hotel in Spokane, WA with gathering songs led by David King and Bishop Oliveto greeting everyone.

Bishop Oliveto opened the meeting with prayer.

Linda Caldwell (Cal-Nev) introduced the agenda verbally for the day.

Opening Devotions were led by Allen Buck (PNW), with sung responsive scripture reading by Troy Carr (PNW) and David King. Shalom Agtarap led us in a time of reflection and prayer.

Brad Laurvick (Mtn Sky) reminded all to introduce yourself every time you speak. Introductions will not impact timing. We (the Assistant Secretaries) and the communicators are “fantastic.” Also, there are documents available from the previous day on the website. Jeehye Kim (General Commission on Religion and Race, Balt-WA, laity) gave a monitor report.

Skylar Marston-Bihl (PNW) Motion: move that the body receive names of any candidates who received 5 or more votes in the qualifying ballot, if there were any. Seconded. Skylar Beals then offered rationale. Her clarification asked for the names to simply be offered, not for them to be added to the qualified candidate pool.

The Bishop asked if there was discussion. No one stood. The Bishop then asked again for the motion.

Vote was taken at 9:12a to approve the motion.
Results: PASSED 49 (55.7%) yes and 39 (44.3%) no.

Karen Hernandez (9), Calvin Hill (9), Duane Anders (7)

Bishop Karen introduced General Church Staff, who then furthered their own introductions: Judy Chung (Cal-Pac, GB Global Min), Tim Tanton (TN-W.KY, UMCOM), Motoe Yamada Foor (Cal-Nev, Adult Discipleship Ministries), Paul Gomez (DSC, UMCOM).

Kalesita Tuifua (Cal-Pac) spoke to give additional thanks on behalf of the GCOSROW and COSROW monitors.

Allison Mark (Cal-Pac) Offered a motion for a 2 hour recess to prevent a vote until after lunch.

Mark Stephenson (Cal-Pac) - Ruled out of order.

Vote taken by hand at 9:23.

Results: PASSED

Mark Stephenson (Cal-Pac) motion to suspend the rules, but asked to specify which exact rule

Timote Piukala (DSC) - Point of personal privilege, acknowledge harm done by showing results of ballot.

Bishop Stanovsky invited to offer prayer for any harm done during this process of sharing information for the ballots.

Mark Stephenson (Cal-Pac) motion to suspend the rule Article 5.3.b.

Seconded. Bishop Oliveto reminded the body there's no debate and it takes a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Rationale offered: certify any candidate with 5 votes or more.

Vote was taken at 9:28a to suspend the rules.

Results: FAILED 38 (40%) yes and 57 (60%) no.

Needed $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. Total ballots 95.

DJ Del Rosario (PNW) - Point of Personal Privilege - request for speakers to adjust microphones to assist those who are Hard of Hearing and otherwise relying on microphone amplification.

Members of Western Jurisdiction who serve on the Judicial Council were recognized to enthusiastic applause. Lui Tran (Cal-Pac), Angela Brown (Cal-Nev), Erin Hawkins (Cal-Pac) - absentee, Laurie Day (Oregon-Idaho).

Brad Laurvick clarified "all ballots" versus "all votes." Also, it was pointed out that decisions are not made unilaterally but in collaboration with past and present representatives and/or leaders from the Rules Committee. Certified candidates will be in situation rooms and speeches. Can vote for any candidate at any time, on the ballot or not (there is a write in spot - thanks GNTV).

Emily Allen (Cal-Nev) representing the Episcopacy Committee for information about the Situation Room roleplay. Two situation rooms: one with 3 candidates and one with 4 candidates. Delegates are invited to divide themselves on their own based on their needs and desires. Planned return to the main ballroom set for 10:30a.

GNTV offered clarity of locations and division of candidates:

Ballroom: Kristin Stoneking, Anthony Tang, and Molly Vetter

Pavilion Room: Timote Piukala, Sandy Olewine, Judy Chung, and Jessica Rooks.

No video recordings during the situation room.

Candidates discussed the following -
Situation Room Scenario:

It has been reported by the pastor that a lay person, who is a member of the jurisdictional leadership team, has not attended their local UMC for several months. Furthermore, the pastor has gathered photographic evidence (from social media) that appears to show the lay person attending a recent Global Methodist Church function. Because of their role on the leadership team the lay person is known by the college to be a good leader who not only attends meetings but can be counted on to contribute in significant ways to the work of the jurisdiction. How does the college respond now that this information has been presented to them and is beginning to spread around the jurisdiction?

Returned to the main ballroom at 10:41a, called to begin by Bishop Karen Oliveto.

Dan Hurlbert (DSC) offered guidance for the next steps. All of the candidates were invited to leave the room for the next round of questions.

Three questions were offered. The candidates are asked to answer one after reading the question and introducing themselves.

1. Please share with us your understanding of episcopal authority. How is this authority lived out in relation to the cabinet, conference staff, and other leaders of an annual conference?
2. In light of the action of the General Conference in approving all the legislations in relation to worldwide regionalization, bearing in mind that the work of ratification is still ahead of us, and assuming the passage of ratification, please share with us your vision for what the UMC might do in the next two decades.
3. Our denomination has gone through significant conflict in the last few decades, highlighted by the disaffiliations throughout our worldwide church. It takes both administrative and conflict resolution skills to lead the church during such a time as this. Please share with us your skills and gifts in these areas, providing specific examples of what you have done.

1 - Timote Piukala: Q1; 2 - Molly Vetter: Q2; 3 - Jessica Rooks: Q3; 4 - Anthony Tang: Q1; 5 - Kristin Stoneking: Q3; 6 - Sandra K Olewine: Q3; 7 - Judy Chung: Q3

Brad Laurvick announced a reminder regarding the rules requiring reports to be in hand for 24 hours including: Nominations, Ministry Impact, and Financial implications/ budget.

Allison Mark (Cal-Pac) - time for conference and caucusing, all episopal candidates and delegations have received schedules. 11:30-12:30 First Session (rotation every 15 minutes), 1:30-2:30 Second Session. Closed plenary in prayer.

Recess called before, through (lunch @ 12:30p), and after lunch. The body will be invited back at 2:30p.

1:17p - WJ Nominations Report posted to website

1:24p - Western Jurisdiction Plan for Indigenous Ministries by CONAM Report posted to website

Bishop Escobedo-Frank called us back into session at 2:33p.

Bishop Stanovsky offered an opening prayer.

Bishop Robert Hoshibata and Bishop Elias Galvan were lifted up by Bishop Escobedo-Frank, are with us in spirit if not physically.

Brad Laurvick offered clarity and instructions for the voting for Episcopal Candidates based on the Western Jurisdictional Rules and Book of Discipline.

Bishop Hagiya offered a prayer.

Ballot #1 was opened at 2:44p.

Ana Cho (Ore-Ida) and Monalisa Tuitahi (Cal-Pac) gave a report from the Jurisdictional Leadership Team.

Point of Celebration by Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank - 40th anniversary of consecration of Bishops Sano, Galvan, and Kelly.

Prayer led by Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank for communities affected by wildfires.

Ballot #1 Results: 97 ballots cast, 65 needed.
No election.

Sandra K. Olewine 43, Kristin Stoneking 41, Anthony Tang 29, Jessica Rooks 28, Molly Vetter 17, Timote Piukala 15, Judy Chung 9, Calvin Hill 1, Karen Hernandez 1

Joe Kim (PNW) - requested a recess

Vote was taken by hand at 2:58p. The result was too close to count.

Vote was taken at 3:00p to approve the motion.

Results: FAILED 45 (48.4%) yes and 48 (51.6%) no.

Bishop Stanovsky prayed.

Ballot #2 was opened at 3:03p

General Boards and Agencies Introductions Part 1

Kristin Stoneking serves on the General Board of Global Ministries External Audit Committee.

Allison Mark serves on the General Board of Church and Society.

Anthony Tang serves on the General Council of Finance and Administration.

Jessica Rooks and Monalisa Tuitahi serve on the Connectional Table.

Lynn Miller Jackson serves on Wespeth.

Laurie Day serves on the General Board of Church and Society.

Kunle Taiwo serves on GCFA and General Agency on Episcopal Matters.

Beth Rambikur serves on the Board of Communications.

Emily Allen serves on General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Elizabeth Ingram Schindler serves on the Board of Directors for Wespeth

Jeremy Smith serves on the General Commission of Archives and History.

Jeffery Kuan serves on the University Senate and Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters.

Ballot #2 Results: 97 ballots cast, 65 needed.

No election.

Sandra K Olewine 44, Kristin Stoneking 43, Jessica Rooks, 27, Anthony Tang 23, Molly Vettter 20, Timote Piukala 14, Judy Chung 7, Brad Laurvick 2, Joel Hortiales 1, Calvin Hill 1, Jeremy Smith 1

Recess vote by hand, PASSED.

Joe Kim (PNW) - moved for 30 minute recess. Seconded

Vote taken by hand at 3:12.

Results: PASSED

Returned from recess at 3:45p. Called to session by Bishop Rapanut.

Bishop Sano offered a prayer.

Ballot #3 was opened at 3:48p.

Additional introductions offered.

Larry High Jr serves at the United Methodist Publishing House.

Theon Johnson III serves on the Connectional Table.

Ronda Cordill serves on United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

Louise Kinsall serves on United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

Jorge Domingues serves on United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

Ballot #3 Results: 97 ballots cast, 65 needed.

No election.

Kristin Stoneking 45, Sandra K Olewine 42, Jessica Rooks 29, Anthony Tang 27, Molly Vetter 17, Timote Piukala 15, Judy Chung 9, Calvin Hill 1, Travis Walker 1, Joel Hortiales 1

Bishop Rapanut took a vote - Does the body want to take a recess
Vote taken by hand. No recess to be taken.

Bishop Swenson offered prayer.

Ballot #4 opened at 3:58p.

Ballot #4 Results: 96 ballots cast, 64 needed.
No election.

Kristin Stoneking 49, Sandra K. Olewine 29, Jessica Rooks 28, Anthony Tang 25, Molly Vetter 21, Timote Piukkala 13, Judy Chung 5, Calvin Hill 1, Joel Hortiales 1, Javier Olivares 1

Bishop Rapanut - Shall we take a recess, vote taken by hand. Passed.

Jasper Peters (Mt. Sky) - Motion to take a 30 minute break
Seconded. Vote by hand: PASSED

Bishop Rapanut called us back into session at 4:40p.

Megan Burg (Mtn Sky) motion for a 15 minute recess. Seconded.
Vote by hand taken: PASSED

Micheal Pope (Cal-Nev) amended to 30 minutes if possible. Friendly amendment accepted.

On recess until 5:15p.

Bishop Rapanut called us back into session at 5:18p

Shalom Agtarap (PNW) moves to have a recess with specific requests (i.e. all guests, presiders, active candidates, and support people out of the room with the cameras off).
Seconded. Rationale offered. "No minutes needed."

Richard Bentley (Cal-Pac) moves to amend the motion to take one ballot prior to the conversation/Executive Session. Seconded. Rationale offered.
Jeff Rainwater (Mtn Sky) speech against the amendment.

Vote taken by hand. The result was too close to determine.

Vote was taken at 5:26p to approve the amendment. (Amendment was - We shall take 1 ballot and results before the recess in the main motion)

Results: FAILED 38 (40.4%) yes and 56 59.6%) no.

Lonnie Brooks (Alaska) - speech against the motion.

Jeffrey Kuan (Cal-Nev) - what is the threshold to go into executive session?

Clarification - Bishop Rapanut said not asking for executive session, asking to go on recess.

Vote was taken at 5:31p to approve the motion. Total ballots 95. Needed 48.

Results: 74 (77.9%) yes and 21 (22.1%) no.

Recess until 6:05p (observers etc leaving) with intention to hold a ballot afterwards.

Bishop Rapanut called us back into session at 6:06p.

Bishop Hagiya offered prayer.

Ballot #5 opened at 6:07p.

Brad Laurvick let us know that the Memorial Service will begin at 7:30p in the Skyline Ballroom (access via elevators in the West Wing).

Ballot #5 Results: 96 ballots cast, 64 needed.

No election.

Sandra K Olewine 54, Kristin Stoneking 39, Jessica Rooks 25, Anthony Tang 20, Timote Piukala 9, Calvin Hill 7, Molly Vetter 7, Judy Chung 2, Javier Olivares 1

Bishop Rapanut closed us in prayer before recess to dinner and then the Memorial Service. We will meet again tomorrow morning at 8:30a.

Friday, July 12, 2024 - Day Three

Ric Shewell (OR ID) opened us in worship at 8:32a with a land acknowledgement. Shalom Agtarap and her team led us in music and liturgy for worship.

Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth opened the session at 8:53a. He offered scripture and reflection to try and ground the body before entering the day and concluded with prayer.

Brad Laurvick welcomed the body and offered the daily reminders, including available documents on the WJ website at <https://westernjurisdictionumc.org/documents/>

Monitoring Reports given by COSROW (Kalesita Tuifua) and GCORR (Jeehye Kim).

Linda Caldwell (Cal-Nev) offered the agenda that had been posted the previous evening online. She reminded the body that the agenda is truly in the hands of the body instead of hers or the presiding bishop's.

Three orders of the day have been discussed:

- 1 - 9:50a Retirement Celebration for Bishop Minerva Carcaño
- 2 - 1:30p Retirement Celebration for Bishop Karen Oliveto
- 3 - 4:30p Reception

Bishop Bridgeforth asked for the body to vote to approve to help offer structure to the day's schedule as offered by Programs and Arrangements. Vote taken at 9:10a by hand. PASSED.

Molly Vetter, Certified Episcopal Candidate (Cal-Pac) withdrew her candidacy and offered her gratitude and reflection. Bishop Bridgeforth offered a prayer.

Bishop Brown offered prayer preceding the opening of the ballot.

Ballot #6 opened at 9:16a.

Rev. Alissa Amestoy (PNW, local host rep) provided practical information regarding our remaining time in Spokane and return to the airport.

Elizabeth Brick (Cal-Nev) presented the Nominations Report.

Ballot #6 Results: 93 ballots cast, 62 needed. Total votes 140.

No election.

Sandra K Olewine 44, Kristin Stoneking 39, Jessica Rooks 31, Judy Chung 12, Timote Piukala 7, Anthony Tang 6, Calvin Hill 1

The bishop asked if the body would like a recess.

Vote taken by hand. FAILED

Bishop Hagiya offered prayer.

Ballot #7 opened at 9:30a.

The body provided singing.

Ballot #7 Results: 94 ballots cast, 63 needed. Total votes 144
No election.

Sandra K Olewin 47, Kristin Stoneking 39, Jessica Rooks 35, Judy Chung 10, Timote Piukala 5, Anthony Tang 5, Javier Olivaris 1, Calvin Hill 1, Allison Mark 1

Bishop Bridgeforth asked if the body desired a recess. Vote taken by hand FAILED.

Bishop Stanovsky offered prayer.

Ballot #8 opened at 9:38a.

Bishop Meggan Manlove of the Northwest Intermountain Synod of the ELCA joined us.

Bishop Bridgeforth asked people to share about their ecumenical relationships and ministry.

Ballot #8 Results: 94 ballots cast, 63 needed. Total votes 149
No election.

Sandra K Olewine 46, Kristin Stoneking 44, Jessica Rooks 38, Judy Chung 9, Anthony Tang 5, Timote Piukala 4, Allison Mark 3

Bishop Bridgeforth invited the body to recess. Vote taken by hand: FAILED

Bishop Sano offered prayer.

Ballot #9 opened at 9:45a.

Jasper Peters (Mtn Sky) offered an amendment to the schedule: after the celebration of Bishop Carcaño Retirement the 1st elects would like time to confer - asking for it to be structured into the break as 45 minutes instead of 30 minutes.

Vote by hand: PASSED

The bishop invited more stories of ecumenical partnership.

Ballot #9 Results: 95 ballots cast, 64 needed. Total votes 145

No election.

Kristin Stoneking 45, Sandra K Olewine 44, Jessica Rooks 35, Judy Chung 10, Anthony Tang 4, Allison Mark 3, Timote Piukala 3, Javier Olivares 1

Bishop Bridgeforth asked if the body desired a recess. Vote taken by hand: FAILED

Allison Mark (Cal-Pac) asked the body to stop voting for her and vote for those who were Certified.

Dan Hurlbert (DSC) of the Episcopal Committee led the body in the retirement celebration for Bishop Minerva Carcaño.

Micheal Pope (Cal-Nev) offered conference leadership and commentary. A video was shared.

Bishop Minerva Carcaño offered comments.

Bishop Bridgeforth offered commentary and recessed the session until 11:10a.

Bishop Oliveto called us back into session at 11:10a and offered some comments and reflections, and a prayer.

Prayer offered by Bishop Swenson.

Ballot #10 opened at 11:15a.

WJ Budget presented by Brant Henshaw (PNW) and thanks given to WJ CFA.
Nomination of new treasurer - Matt Kuss, Director of Finance and Administration (DSC)

Vote taken by hand: PASSED

Brant Henshaw presented the budget for the body to consider. No questions were asked. Vote will take place later.

Ballot #10 Results: 95 ballots cast, 64 needed. Total votes 174

No election.

Kristin Stoneking 59, Sandra K Olewine 49, Jessica Rooks 37, Anthony Tang 11, Judy Chung 9, Timote Piukala 8, Molly Vetter 1

Bishop Oliveto offered a recess per the rules. Vote taken by hand: FAILED

Paul Gomez (DSC) spoke with the body of the first elects and read a statement. “We, the first-elected, have met. We want to recognize that over the past two days, few weeks, and years : we have heard passionate discussion about our incredibly talented and gifted candidate pool. As one of our members named, sometimes our passion can be heard/interpreted as yelling or demanding. This has led to a sense among many that there is no room for the Spirit to move/grow/fall afresh on each and every one of us — our genuine discernment. This has not been the intent, but we recognize the impact. As we just met, we heard the openness to receiving the will of the Spirit and the Body and the recognition across all conferences that there are many qualified and called candidates that any conference would welcome. At this time, we ask that you use both of your votes to make sure that we let the Spirit move and help us get out of our own way. We've done amazing work in electing Bishops before, in removing the harmful language, approving the revised social principles, and passing worldwide regionalization. The Spirit has moved among us in this work. Let us makes space now for that movement to continue.”

Brad Laurvick reminded the body of the settings for the bar.

Prayer led by Bishop Brown.

Ballot #11 opened at 11:28a.

Supporting WJ24-01 ratification regarding worldwide regionalization. <https://westernjurisdictionumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Proposed-2025-28-WJ-apportionment-For-distribution.pdf>

Jason Takagi (Cal-Pac), Jeffrey Kuan (Cal-Nev), and Richard Bentley (Cal-Pac) spoke as the representatives urging the jurisdiction to do the follow up work to pass regionalization in the coming year.

No discussion, vote taken at 11:35a by hand. PASSED

Richard Bentley (Cal-Pac) point of personal privilege: there's a QR code for the Regionalization information.

Ballot #11 Results: 94 ballots cast, 63 needed. Total votes 185
Election: Kristin Stoneking 65 votes

Kristin Soneking 65, Sandra K Olewine 55, Jessica Rooks 39, Anthony Tang 11, Judy Chung 8, Timote Piukala 7

Bishop Kristin Stoneking shared words of reflection, gratitude, and inspiration.

Bishop asked the body if they'd like a recess. Vote taken by hand: FAILED

Kristina Gonzalez (PNW) - request for non-delegate to address the body.

Vote taken by hand. PASSED

Joel Hortiales (Cal-Pac , WJ interethnic coordinating committee leader - IECC) with the whole of the committee

Troy Par (PNW) - read statement regarding ethnic caucuses working with committee. We, the Western Jurisdiction Coordinating Committee, stand as a unified body to dispel any misperception that may have arisen after our holy conferencing. We want to reaffirm that each ethnic caucus working with our committee is in complete harmony, united in our shared goals and values. We appreciate and respect all the candidates who came to the caucus with us and answered our hard questions. And, we affirm the discernment of this body and election of our new bishop and the person of Kristin Stoneking. We affirm your discernment with joy. And, the IECC looks forward, collectively, as a body to work with her. And, whomever the next bishop that we discern to lead our jurisdiction. Thank you very much.

Bishop Hagiya offered prayer.

Ballot #12 opened at 11:47a.

Indigenous Ministries report is at about 22 hours instead of 24. The Bishop asked if the body would receive it early. Vote by hand AT 11:50a: PASSED

Allen Buck (PNW), outgoing chairperson, and Murray Crookes (Alaska), incoming chairperson presented the Indigenous Ministries Report.

Move to be resolved that the 2024 WJC formally adopt the WJ plan for indiginbous ministries with funding to be addressed with an amendment to the budget report

Gayle Shearman (Cal-Nev) brought a question.

No other discussion.

Bishop Oliveto opened the vote at 12:16p by hand with recognition that this will offer an amendment to the budget. Results: PASSED

Ballot #12 Results: 95 ballots cast, 64 needed. Total votes 95
No election.

Sandra K Olewine 47, Jessica Rooks 33, Anthony Tang 10, Timote Piukala 3, Judy Chung 2

Bishop asked if the body wanted a recess. Vote by hand at 12:18p: FAILED

Judy Chung (Cal-Pac) came to the microphone to withdraw her name from the ballot and offer gratitude. She was supported by her delegation and others touched by her ministry.

Bishop Stanovsky offered a prayer.

Ballot #13 opened at 12:22p.

Micheal Pope (Cal-Nev) with a point of personal privilege invited conference lay leaders to specific tables for lunch.

The body was moved to song as they waited for the ballot results.

Ballot #13 Results: 93 ballots cast, 62 needed. Total votes 93
No election.

Sandra K Olewine 51, Jessica Rooks 35, Anthony Tang 5, Timote Piukala 2

Anthony Tang (DSC) came to the microphone to withdraw his name from the ballot and offer gratitude. He was supported by his delegation and others touched by his ministry.

Timote Piukala (DSC) came to the microphone to share words in the Tongan language, withdraw his name from the ballot, and offer gratitude and reflection. He was supported by his delegation and others touched by his ministry. They closed in song.

Bishop Karen Oliveto announced we arrived at an order of the day and next steps.

Tom Choi (Cal-Pac) offered prayer for lunch. We were invited back from lunch at 1:30p.

Returned from lunch at 1:42p. Called to session by Bishop Escobedo-Frank.

The bishop opened us with reflections on the process of electing bishops and any time we gather as a jurisdictional body. She then offered a prayer.

Dan Hurlbert opened the time of celebration for Bishop Oliveto's retirement.

Gayla Jo Slauson represented the Mountain Sky Conference speaking about and honoring Bishop Oliveto. A video was offered.

Kunle Taiwo, Annie Arnoldy, and Mark Calhoun, all from Mountain Sky, spoke about the ministry and care of Bishop Oliveto and Robin Ridenour.

Robin and Bishop Karen offered closing remarks of gratitude.

Bishop Escobedo-Frank called us back to order at 2:24p.

The bishop offered a recess with a vote by hand. Results: FAILED

Grant Skeritt (Mtn Sky) offered a motion for a recess of all of the delegates in one space. The comment was gently ruled out of order.

Bishop Sano offered a word of prayer.

Ballot #14 opened at 2:27p.

Bishop Escobedo-Frank invited the body to join together in song.

Ballot #14 Results: 92 ballots cast, 62 needed. Total votes 92
No election.

Sandra K Olewine 56, Jessica Rooks 36

Vote on recess was taken by hand at 2:32p. Unclear.

Device ballot taken regarding taking a recess at 2:33p.
Results: PASSED Motion

Grant Skeritt (Mtn Sky) made a motion for a 30 minute recess with only delegates present. Seconded.

Vote taken by hand to approve the motion. PASSED

Bishop Escobedo-Frank released the body to recess with an intent to return at 3:06p.

Bishop Escobedo-Frank called us back into session at 3:13p.

Bishop Swenson prayed the prayer.

Ballot #15 opened at 3:16p.

Fel Cao (Cal-Nev) - Spoke to Eccumenical Partnership.

Ballot #15 Results: 91 ballots cast, 61 needed. Total votes 91
No election.

Sandra K Olewine 57, Jessica Rooks 34

Bishop Escobedo-Frank offered a recess. Vote by hand. FAILED.

Bishop Brown prayed.

Ballot #16 opened at 3:23p

Elizabeth Brick (Cal-Nev) made a motion to receive the Nominations Report presented earlier today (but available online since yesterday).

Vote was taken at 3:26p by hand to accept the motion.
Results: PASSED

Ballot #16 Results: 92 ballots cast, 62 needed. Total votes 92
No election
Sandra K Olewine 61 , Jessica Rooks 31

Bishop asked if the body would like a recess. Vote taken by hand: FAILED

Jessica Rooks came to the microphone to withdraw her name and spoke to the need to be united as the Jurisdiction moves forward for another vote. She was supported by her delegation and others touched by her ministry.

Bishop Hagiya offered prayer.

Ballot #17 opened at 3:32p.

Ballot #17 Results: 85 ballots cast, 57 needed. Total votes 86
Result: Election. Sandra K Olewine 84 votes.
Sandra K Olewine 84, Calvin Hill 1.

Bishop Sandra Olewine shared words of reflection, gratitude, and inspiration.

Brant Henshaw (PNW) put the budget before the body.
Amendment to the budget Allen Buck (Ore-Idaho) - Motion to (on behalf of CONAM)
On behalf of the Western jurisdiction on the Native American ministries Western jurisdiction funding so that the total is \$100,000 to fund a plan that was affirmed earlier.

Seconded. Allen Buck offered rationale.

Molly Vetter (Cal-Pac) - offered a speech in favor of the amendment.

Bishop Escobedo-Frank took the vote by hand at 3:47p for the amendment to the budget.
Results: PASSED

Brant Henshaw (PNW) spoke regarding using reserves to cover the amended amount.

Budget is amended and put before the body.

The bishop opened the vote at 3:48p to approve the budget as amended.

Results: PASSED 90 (98.9%) yes and 1 (1.1%) no.

Brant Henshaw (PNW) spoke to reimbursements. The form can be accessed online.

Nico Reijns (PNW) took a point of personal privilege to draw our attention to the care offered by the Indigenous Ministries team and the trauma they address and share. Bishop Stanovsky offered prayer at the request of Nico. She invited people of indigenous heritage to come forward and the episcopal leadership to lay hands prior to her prayer.

Allen Buck (OR-ID) invited the body to receive prayer pins.

Tom Choi (Cal-Pac) came forward to introduce the resolution from General Conference regarding the UMC's role in the overthrowing of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893 and the Acts of Reparation sought. He greeted the body in Hawaiian language. A video was shown for educational purposes.

Bishop Swenson offered prayer, including a prayer requesting forgiveness for harm done and the traditional prayer of the Queen.

Linda Caldwell (Cal-Nev) reviewed the schedule and provided updated calendar information.

Bishop Escobedo-Frank thanked everyone for their hard work and dismissed us.

Saturday, July 13, 2024 - Day Four

Organizing New Conference Committees occurred in breakout groups.

Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut opened us in worship at 9:03am with a song and devotion.

Brad Laurvick (Mtn Sky) informed the body that all of the documents from this gathering are on the Jurisdictional website because of the Communications Team. The Journal will have a new addition: worship resources from the week will be made available. Brad concluded by offering his thanks and final comments as the Jurisdiction Secretary.

Linda Caldwell (Cal-Nev), as Agenda Chair, offered guidance to the agenda as posted on the website. First: update to Sand Creek from Bishop Stanovsky. Second: Bishop spouses. Third: Next WJ gathering location. Fourth: Episcopal assignments. Fifth: Heads of delegation escort bishops to conference gathering rooms. Finally: Consecration at 11:30a.

Bishop Rapanut lifted up Linda as finishing her time in the role of Agenda Chair. He also lifted up thanks for the hard work of GNTV, Secretary and Asst. Secretaries, Communications and Media, Program and Arrangements.

Bishop Stanovsky came forward to offer an update to the reconciliatory work being done regarding Sand Creek Massacre. The work has gone fallow since 2016 General Conference in Portland.

In September we will have a gathering in Denver of representatives of most of the general agencies of the church, the annual conferences, and people of the descendent tribes from the massacre. And a variety of other people who have interest and investment in this work. And what we are going to do is to take the petition that was adopted in 2016, which names most of those agencies, and we will look at it and say okay, how do we divide this up? How is this commitment of our church matching the mission of your agency and then, how do we organize, without meetings and face-to-face meetings, how do we organize virtually to coordinate what we are doing as we move to become a healing partner to these devastated tribes.

Bishop Stanovsky recommended people read, "Massacre at Sand Creek: How Methodists Were Involved in an American Tragedy" by Gary L. Roberts. (<https://www.cokesbury.com/Massacre-at-Sand-Creek>)

The body was reminded to identify with the victimizers not the victims when we engage in reconciliatory work from oppression, violence, and trauma.

The Bishop commended the body and thanked them for the blessing of this good and hard work.

Fel Cao (Cal-Nev) had a Point of Personal Privilege lifting up the language of 'massacre' and reflecting on the prevalence of harm done by the United States and our people throughout history. He lifted up Hawaii, the Philippines, Gaza, and the spaces of massacres occurring even today.

Calvin Hill ((Mtn Sky) rose for a Point of Personal Privilege to speak about reconciliation and healing, self-identifying as a healer.

Bishop Rapanut invited the body to a moment of silent prayer and then spoke words to prayer.

Bishop Bridgeforth thanked the body for letting the Greater Northwest host everyone. He thanked those who offered that care and hospitality. Then, he announced the next Western Jurisdictional Conference will be in the California-Nevada Conference in 2028.

He shared that with a reflection on the history of 1984 in Oregon-Idaho, 1988 in California-Pacific, 1992 in Desert Southwest,

1984 Oregon Idaho (Greater Northwest) in Boise, elected Roy I. Sano, Elias Galvan, Leontine T. Kelly

1988 California-Pacific in San Diego, elected William W. Dew Jr.

1992 Desert Southwest in Las Vegas, elected Mary Ann Swenson

1996 Pacific Northwest/Greater Northwest in Seattle, elected Edward W. Paup

2000 Yellowstone/Mountain Sky in Casper, elected Beverly J. Shamana, Warner H. Brown

2004 California-Nevada in San Jose, elected Minerva G. Carcaño, Robert T. Hoshibata

2008 Oregon-Idaho/Greater Northwest in Portland, Grant J. Hagiya, Elaine JW Stanovsky

2012 California-Pacific in San Diego

2016 Desert Southwest in Scottsdale, elected Karen Oliveto

2020/2022 Mountain Sky in Salt Lake, elected Carlo A. Rapanut, Cedrick D. Bridgeforth, Dottie Escobedo-Frank

2024 GRN in Spokane, elected Kristin Stoneking, Sandra Olewine

2028 California Nevada

He concluded up by thanking the Greater Northwest Conference people.

The Episcopacy Committee came forward. Emily Allen (Cal-Nev) spoke to recognize the spouses of the bishops. They were:

Christopher Hucks-Ortiz (Cedrick Bridgeforth)

Jim Frank (Dottie Escobedo-Frank)

Jan Hagiya (Grant Hagiya)

Robin Ridenour (Karen Olevito)

Radie Rapanut (Carlo Rapanut)

Elizabeth Campi (Kristin Stoneking)

Dan Hurlbert (DSC) came forward to announce the episcopal assignments. Emily Allen will co-chair with Jasper Peters (Mtn Sky). The members of the Episcopal Committee were asked to be recognized.

The Committee on Episcopacy “we expect our bishops to work with each other across conference lines in order to strengthen our team, share gifts, and to forward together and mission. We also expect them not only to share their gifts but to receive help from other team members.”

Here are the assignment recommendations: California-Pacific - Bishop Escobeda Frank, California-Nevada - Bishop Olewine, Greater Northwest - Bishop Bridgeforth, Mountain Sky - Bishop Stoneking, and Desert Southwest and New Mexico - Bishop Rapanut.

Dan then addressed the potential for a bishop to need to serve cross-jurisdictionally and made the recommendation for Bishop Rapanut.

The report was before the body. A second was not necessary.

The vote was taken at 9:40a to affirm the vote by hand. Results: PASSED

Brad Laurvick made a motion to conclude the 2024 Western Jurisdictional Conference upon the conclusion of the Consecration Service. Seconded.

Vote taken at 9:41a by hand to adjourn. Results: PASSED.

Bishop Rapanut closed the meeting and declared it adjourned.

Rules

Western Jurisdictional Conference

Rules of Order and Plan of Organization

(as amended and adopted by the 2024 WJC session)

Section A -- Rules Of Order

Article I - The Meeting of the Conference

Rule 1. Time and Location.

The quadrennial session of the Western Jurisdictional Conference shall meet at the place determined by the Committee on Program and Arrangements or by the Conference itself. The times for holding the Jurisdictional Conference shall be determined by the College of Bishops in accordance with the current Discipline.

A special session of the Jurisdictional Conference may be called as provided in the current Discipline.

Rule 2. The Convener.

The Conference shall be convened by the Bishop of the episcopal area in which the Conference is held.

Rule 3. Holy Communion and Memorial Service.

There shall be a service of Holy Communion and Memorial during the Conference.

Rule 4. In the spirit of the 2016 Book of Discipline ¶722 Restrictions on Closed Meetings, the Program and Arrangements Committee shall make provisions for visitors to be able to attend the jurisdictional conference either in person or online for a minimal registration fee and with no requirement to purchase meals.

Article II - Order of Business

Rule 5. Organization of the Conference

a. The roll call of the Conference shall be made by the Conference Secretary and shall be constituted as follows:

Names of the bishops of the Western Jurisdiction.

The roll of delegates by Annual and Missionary Conference shall be presented in writing by the head of each conference delegation. If a delegate is absent, the head of the delegation to which the absentee belongs shall report the name of the

absentee in writing to the Conference Secretary together with the name of the reserve who is to be seated in the delegate's stead.

b. If a quorum is present, the Conference shall proceed to complete its organization by the election of a Secretary. (See Article X.) A quorum shall be defined as follows: a majority of the delegates qualified to sit in the Jurisdictional Conference shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may meet and adjourn.

c. The Secretary shall nominate and the Conference shall elect such assistant secretaries, as it may deem necessary.

Rule 6. Presiding Officer.

The Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction shall preside at all the sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference in an order to be arranged by the Committee on Program and Arrangements in consultation with the President of the College of Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction.

The presiding officer shall take the chair at the appointed hour according to the order of the Conference.

The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference. In case of such appeal, the question shall be taken without debate, but the appellant shall be given opportunity to state the ground of the appeal, and the presiding officer shall state the ground of the decision.

Rule 7. Daily Order.

Devotional services.

Approval of daily proceedings by delegates after relevant information has been provided to them.

Report of Committee on Program and Arrangements.

General business.

At whatever time during the Conference the Committee on Nominations presents its report to the Conference there shall be a time interval before final action is taken.

When an episcopal election is announced, a ballot for the purpose of certifying episcopal candidates for election shall be added to the orders of the day for the first day of the conference in accordance with Rule 17.e. Additionally, the local arrangements committee shall provide for a "special event" for all conference delegates on the first day of the conference to enable informal conversation between Episcopal Nominees and conference delegates.

Article III - Duties and Privileges of Delegates

Rule 8. Excuses.

A delegate who leaves the session of the Conference shall request an excuse from the head of his/her delegation.

The head of the delegation shall secure the replacement for the excused delegate from the reserve delegates from his/her Annual or Missionary Conference.

Rule 9. Recognition.

When a delegate desires to speak to the Conference, the delegate shall seek recognition by the method prescribed by the presiding officer and, after recognition, proceed to the nearest microphone or other designated place. The delegate will announce his/her name and his/her Annual or Missionary Conference as a preface to addressing the Conference.

Rule 10. Order and Courtesy.

No delegate shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the presiding officer to call the delegate to order when delegate departs from the question, uses disrespectful language, or otherwise violates the order and procedure of the Conference.

Any delegate may interrupt to call the attention of the presiding officer to any statement which the delegate deems out of order or which the delegate construes as misrepresentation, or for a point of information that requires immediate attention.

Rule 11. Privilege.

When a delegate desires to speak to a question of privilege, the delegate shall state briefly the nature of the question in open conference, and it shall not be in order for the delegate to speak to the Conference until the presiding officer shall have decided that it is a legitimate privileged question and one of such a nature as to prevent its reference to the Committee on Program and Arrangements (Article XIII.a.2)d).

Questions of privilege are limited to the rights and welfare of the individual delegate or to the comfort or convenience of the whole Conference.

Rule 12. Limitations.

No delegate shall speak more than once on the same question until every delegate who is disposed to speak shall have spoken, nor shall any delegate speak more than twice on the same question nor more than ten minutes at a time.

Rule 13. Alternate Debate.

No delegate shall speak for or against a pending matter immediately after another delegate favoring the same side has spoken unless no speaker on the opposite side desires the floor.

Rule 14. Influence.

Demonstration of approval or disapproval during the process of debate shall be deemed a breach of order.

Article IV - Youth Representation

Rule 15. Youth Observers.

Two youth representatives from the Western Jurisdiction Council on Youth Ministries shall be seated in the Conference with voice but without vote.

The expenses of the youth representatives shall be paid in the same manner and extent as in the case of an elected delegate.

Rule 16. Youth Coordinator.

The Jurisdictional youth coordinator, if not an elected delegate, shall be entitled to attend the Conference as a shepherd to the youth representatives. If the youth coordinator is an elected delegate, the WJCYM shall be entitled to select another adult worker with youth to attend.

The expenses of the youth coordinator or other adult worker with youth shall be paid in the same manner and extent as in the case of an elected delegate.

Article V - Motions and Voting

Rule 17. Motions.

Motions made from the floor shall be presented in triplicate to the Conference Secretary.

Rule 18. Voting.

a. Voting shall be as ordered by the presiding officer.

b. Delegates voting in the minority or abstaining may request their vote count be recorded.

c. Votes may be taken also by written ballot if ordered by a majority of the delegates. Written ballots shall be in the following manner:

- i) The Secretary shall prepare uniform ballots upon which each delegate shall vote.
- ii) These ballots shall be returned to the several chairpersons of Annual and Missionary Conference delegations, who shall pass them to the Secretary for recording.
- iii) The detailed vote shall be published in the instruments of business, the daily proceedings and the Journal.

d. Voting for Bishop.

- 1) A two-thirds majority of valid ballots cast shall be required to elect.
- 2) A ballot shall be taken when the presiding officer orders it and after the presiding officer has indicated the number of persons required to be elected.
- 3) If there are more names written on a delegate's ballot than offices to be filled, the entire ballot will be deemed invalid.
- 4) In counting written ballots, the intent of the voter shall be allowed regardless of mistakes in spelling, omission or mistakes in Christian name or initials, etc.
- 5) If the tellers are not able to agree unanimously on the intent of the voter, the vote for that name only shall not be counted.
- 6) The results of each ballot shall be delivered only to the presiding officer after the tallying and only after the results have been (1) confirmed by the Jurisdictional Secretary in the case of an electronic ballot or (2) signed by the duly elected chairperson of the tellers in the presence of the other tellers.
- 7) The presiding officer, or other person designated, shall announce the ballot by reading the names and number of votes cast for each person who received two or more votes, who will be assigned a number.
- 8) The results of the ballot shall be announced as soon as possible, preferably before the adjournment of the session where the ballot is taken.
- 9) Any other procedure shall be voted on by the body (e.g. sealing the ballot before counting at a later time).
- 10) As soon as the ballot results are announced, the bishop will immediately call for a vote on whether to call a recess. If the vote is negative, the conference will proceed immediately to the next ballot. If the vote is positive, a motion will be required to establish the length of the recess.

e. Episcopal Election Process.

The episcopal election process will be facilitated by the Committee on Episcopacy and shall proceed as follows:

1) Discernment and Candidacy

a. At least 180 days prior to a regularly scheduled Western Jurisdictional Conference at which episcopal elections will take place, the Committee on Episcopacy will formally open a discernment process for persons interested in exploring standing for election to become a bishop. Announcement of this process will be made through conference communicators and the first elected delegates from each Annual Conference.

b. To be part of the discernment process, persons may submit their own name or their names may be suggested by other individuals or groups, including annual conference nominees. The Committee on Episcopacy will contact persons whose names have been suggested to provide information about the process, any requirements, and the discernment opportunities to be offered.

c. Throughout the discernment process, the Committee on Episcopacy will provide a variety of opportunities for interested persons to explore what being a bishop means, what the office entails, and how their gifts may align with the role of bishop.

d. The Committee on Episcopacy will create a form to be submitted by persons interested in continuing in the discernment process and becoming declared candidates. The Committee on Episcopacy will set the deadline for submission.

e. After potential candidates submit their forms, the focus of the discernment process will expand to include opportunities for voting delegates to become familiar with the continuing candidates. Delegations are encouraged to create opportunities for discernment across conferences.

f. Throughout the discernment process, relevant materials by and about candidates (such as written statements and videos) will be shared on the Western Jurisdiction website.

2) Nominations:

a. Episcopal candidates may be nominated either by the annual conferences or during the opening plenary of the Jurisdictional Conference.

b. During the opening plenary session and following an explanation of the episcopal election process, the presiding bishop will open the floor for the purpose of nominating additional episcopal candidates who have not been formally endorsed by their annual conferences.

3) The Certifying Ballot:

- a. Once nominations from the floor have been formally closed, a preliminary ballot shall be taken for the purposes of certifying nominees to stand for episcopal election.
- b. Any nominee receiving 5% or more of the valid votes cast during the certifying ballot will be officially considered a “certified candidate.” The jurisdictional conference shall offer equal opportunities to all certified candidates to participate in scheduled activities. Delegates may continue to vote for any qualified candidate on any ballot.
- c. Each voting delegate shall have the opportunity to cast the number of votes during the certifying ballot equal to the number of bishops to be elected at that session of the Western Jurisdictional Conference. Each vote shall be for a different candidate; no delegate shall vote for the same candidate more than once during the certifying ballot.

4) Annual Conference Delegations:

- a. Annual conference delegations will have time throughout the Jurisdictional Conference to meet with episcopal candidates and to engage in collective discernment.

Article VI – Reports and Resolutions from Committees

Rule 19. Written Reports.

Resolutions and reports submitted by committees shall be presented in the format specified by the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary along with one signed hard copy. The resolutions and reports shall be presented to the presiding officer, the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary, the chairperson of the committee making the report, and the instruments of business and daily proceedings.

Rule 20. Reports.

A report of a committee authorized and submitted by the chairperson and secretary shall be considered to be in the possession of the Conference after it shall have been published in the instruments of business and daily proceedings. If there are two or more such reports, they shall be considered in alphabetical order.

A minority report, authorized by at least one-fourth of the members of the respective committee, shall bear the same serial number, with proper notations, as the report for which it is substituted. Such minority report shall be considered to be in the possession of the Conference after it has been published in the instruments of business and daily proceedings.

All reports shall be prepared in the format specified by the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary along with one signed hard copy. All reports shall be prepared for the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary, the instruments of business and daily proceedings, the chairperson of the committee making the report, and the presiding officer.

All reports submitted to the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary shall contain the following information: the name of the committee, the number of the report, the number present at the time the report was adopted, the number voting for the report, and the number voting against the report.

Reports of commissions and committees, except the Committee on Credentials, and that portion of the report of the Committee on Program and Arrangements dealing with matters of privilege, shall be published in the instruments of business and daily proceedings before being presented to the Conference, and they shall not be read unless by its order.

The delegate selected by those authorizing a minority report to present their report shall have all the privileges in reference to the minority report that are given to the chairperson presenting the regular report, except that the chairperson presenting the regular report shall have the right of closing debate on the question of substituting the minority report for the regular report.

Article VII - Petitions, Resolutions and Papers

Rule 21. Communications.

Resolutions and communications to the Conference may be read by the Secretary.

Rule 22. Deadline.

a. Petitions, resolutions and miscellaneous papers for reference to a committee must be delivered to the Secretary prior to the opening session of the Conference, in the format specified by the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary along with one signed hard copy (Article X.d.3).

b. On occasion, issues and organizational needs arise during Jurisdictional Conference which need to be brought to the Conference but have not been submitted prior to the meeting. Petitions, resolutions and miscellaneous papers may be brought directly to the floor of the Jurisdictional Conference after the following procedural steps have been taken:

i) The matter shall be submitted using the form outlined in Rule 22 to the Committee on Program and Arrangements for scheduling.

ii) The matter shall be presented to all delegates at least twenty-four hours before it is voted upon.

iii) The matter cannot come before the Jurisdictional Conference unless a two-thirds majority of the delegates votes favorably for its consideration.

c. Materials to be distributed during the Conference Session must first be submitted to the Conference Secretary for approval by the Committee on Program and Arrangements.

Rule 23. Proper Form.

a. Delegates presenting such petitions, resolutions and miscellaneous papers prior to the Jurisdictional Conference meeting for reference shall indicate at the beginning of the first page the items in order as follows:

i) Name of delegate presenting the paper.

ii) Annual or Missionary Conference to which the delegate belongs.

iii) Annual or Missionary Conference, society, board, delegate, clergy or lay member, church and/or organization from which the paper comes.

iv) Subject to which it relates.

v) First name on the petition.

vi) Number of other petitioners.

b. Upon receipt, the Secretary shall add to these items the names of the committee to which the document is referred with the date of reference.

c. Petitions, resolutions and miscellaneous papers prepared according to Rule 23.a shall be published in the instruments of business, the daily proceedings and listed in the Journal.

Article VIII - Fiscal Policies

Rule 24. Referrals of Financial Matters.

All matters relative to the financial affairs and position of the Western Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church shall be referred to the Jurisdictional Committee on Finance and Administration. (Article XIII.b.3).

No action shall be taken on such matters by the Conference until the Jurisdictional Committee on Finance and Administration has reported to the Conference.

Article IX – Rules

Rule 25. General Conference Rules.

In all matters not specified herein, the proceedings of the Conference shall be governed by the rules of the General Conference.

Rule 26. Proposed Rule Changes.

Proposals for changes in the rules may be made by any individual or group within the Jurisdiction. Such proposed changes shall be submitted to the Rules Chairperson by March 1 of the year in which Jurisdictional Conference occurs.

Rule 27. Suspension of Rules.

These rules may be amended or suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting during a session of the Conference.

SECTION B -- PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

Article X - Officer—Secretary

a. Election--The Secretary shall be nominated by the Jurisdictional Leadership Team (JLT) and elected during the opening session of the Conference.

b. Term of Office--The term of office shall be the balance of a quadrennium for which the election occurs or until a successor is elected. If the position will be filled by a new individual, that person shall serve as an assistant secretary during the session at which s/he is elected and shall assume full responsibility on January 1 following the adjournment of the regular session of the Conference.

c. Vacancy--If a vacancy shall occur between sessions, it shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and presented to the Jurisdictional Leadership Team for final approval.

d. Duties—

1) Prepare and call the roll at the opening session of the Conference.

2) Nominate, for election by the Jurisdictional Conference, assistant secretaries to serve during the sessions of the Conference.

3) Receive petitions, resolutions, and miscellaneous papers and refer same to a committee for consideration prior to the opening session of the Conference.

4) Receive materials for approval by the Committee on Program and Arrangements prior to distribution during the Conference session.

5) Serve ex-officio on the Committee on Program and Arrangements (Article XIII.a) and Committee on Rules (Article XVI.d.1) with voice but not vote.

- 6) Examine journals of the Annual and Missionary Conferences to ascertain whether they conform to the rules established by the General Conference and report the findings to the Jurisdictional Conference.
- 7) Serve as recording secretary during the sessions of the Conference.
- 8) Edit the Journal for publication and make such changes in wording as may be helpful provided that such changes do in no way alter the meaning or intent of any portion of the motion, resolutions, or actions.
- 9) Produce and publish the instruments of business and daily proceedings.
- 10) Receive the lists of officers of all committees to include in the instruments of business and daily proceedings.
- 11) By April 1 of the year of episcopal elections, send Nominee Profile Forms and Support Statement Forms, which have been approved by the Committee on Episcopacy, to all annual conference secretaries or each nominee to complete. The completed forms will be returned by the annual conference secretaries to the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary as soon as possible, but no later than one month prior to the commencement of a Jurisdictional Conference at which bishops are to be elected.
- 12) Send completed Nominee Profile Forms and Support Statement Forms for persons nominated by annual conferences to all delegates at least two weeks prior to Jurisdictional Conference. Provide blank Nominee Profile Forms and Support Statement Forms to Nominee who surface during the balloting process and distribute the completed forms to the delegates at the site of the jurisdictional conference.

Article XI - Officer—Treasurer

- a. Election--The treasurer shall be nominated by the Jurisdictional Committee on Finance and Administration (JCFA) and elected by the Conference (Article XIII.b.c.3).
- b. Term of Office--The treasurer shall serve for the quadrennium beginning January 1 following the close of the regular session of the Jurisdictional Conference or until a successor is elected.
- c. Vacancy--If a vacancy occurs between sessions, the JCFA shall have the authority to fill the position “ad interim.”

d. Duties—

- 1) The duties of the treasurer shall be those normally incident to the office and others as assigned by the JCFA.
- 2) Shall serve as ex-officio member of JCFA with voice but not vote.
- 3) Shall serve as ex-officio member of Committee on Program and Arrangements (Article XIII.a.1) with voice but not vote.
- 4) Shall serve as treasurer of the Jurisdictional Leadership Team (JLT) (Article XII.b.3.c).
- 5) Shall serve as adjunct staff to JLT and attend the meetings of JLT.

Article XII - Jurisdictional Leadership Team

There shall be a Jurisdictional Leadership Team, hereinafter called the JLT.

a. Purpose—

- 1) To be a resource and support to the Western Jurisdiction in the accomplishments of its constitutionally mandated duty to promote the evangelistic, educational, missionary, and benevolent interests of the Western Jurisdiction and provide for interests and institutions within the boundaries of the Western Jurisdiction. (The Constitution, ¶ 27 Article V. 1.)
- 2) Attend to the spiritual and temporal well-being of the Jurisdictional connection between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference, through listening to God and one another and then collective discernment.
- 3) Engage in strategic planning, assess shared ministries, review emerging needs, propose actions, and provide resources for effective ministry.
- 4) Provide opportunity for connection and coordination of efforts among all Jurisdictional bodies, committees and boards.
- 5) Name and provide resources for task groups to respond to short-term needs.

b. Membership—

- 1) There shall be fourteen elected “at-large” members with voice and vote:
 - a) Clergy co-chair of the Jurisdictional Leadership Team
 - b) Lay co-chair of the Jurisdictional Leadership Team
 - c) Twelve elected at-large members (6 lay and 6 clergy)

2) There shall be four ex-officio members with voice and vote:

- a) President of the Western Jurisdiction Association of Lay Leaders
- b) Chair of the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy
- c) Chair of the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Finance and Administration
- d) Chair of the Inter-Ethnic Coordinating Committee

3) There shall be the following “administrative” members with voice but without vote:

- a) Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops
- b) Secretary of the Western Jurisdiction
- c) Treasurer of the Western Jurisdiction
- d) Chair of the Committee on Program and Arrangements
- e) Representative of the annual conference communicators
- f) Chair of the Western Jurisdiction Directors of Connectional Ministry (or equivalents)

4) The following persons who represent the identified missional programs of the jurisdiction shall advise the JLT:

- a) Chair or representative of the Hispanic Mission Advisory Council
- b) Chair or representative of the Korean Mission Advisory Council
- c) Chair or representative of any additional jurisdictional racial/ethnic advisory group receiving funding from the jurisdiction
- d) Representative of the Congregational Development Team
- e) Representative of the Leadership Development Team
- f) Chair of the Volunteers in Mission Board
- h) Representative of the Urban/Rural Network
- i) Representative from Youth Ministries in the Western Jurisdiction
- j) Representative from Young Adult Ministries in the Western Jurisdiction
- k) Representative from Campus Ministries in the Western Jurisdiction
- l) Western Jurisdiction President of United Women in Faith

- m) Western Jurisdiction President of United Methodist Men
 - n) Western Jurisdiction Directors of Connectional Ministry (or equivalents)
 - o) Representative from the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Native American Ministries
- 5) The clergy and lay co-chairs of the Jurisdictional Leadership Team shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference as specified below:
- a) Nominations for at least three clergy and three lay co-chairs of the Jurisdictional Leadership Team shall be offered by the Committee on Nominations on the first day of the Conference. Additional nominations shall also be offered from the floor by duly-seated delegates of the Jurisdictional Conference on the first day of the Conference.
 - b) Following their nomination and prior to their election, nominees shall be given a chance to address the Conference concerning their qualifications for office and their vision for ministry in the Western Jurisdiction.
 - c) Both the lay co-chair and the clergy co-chair shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the Jurisdictional Conference
 - d) No vote to elect the co-chairs of the JLT shall be held any sooner than 24 hours after the opening of the session during which nominations are received.
- 6) The remaining at-large voting members of the JLT shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference as specified below:
- a) The Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations shall nominate qualified individuals to be at-large voting members and at least two lay and two clergy alternates of the JLT prior to the commencement of the Jurisdictional Conference.
 - b) An opportunity shall be provided on the first day of the Jurisdictional Conference for additional nominations to be added from the floor.
 - c) The at-large voting members and alternates of the JLT shall be elected by a majority vote of the Jurisdictional Conference following the election of the two co-chairs.
- 7) It is highly recommended that care be taken at all levels of the nomination and election process to ensure that the voting members of the JLT represent the diversity of the Western Jurisdiction, including diversities of race, culture, language, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, geographical location, annual conference membership, and theological perspective. It is recommended that membership on the JLT be about evenly divided between clergy and laity.
- 8) Vacancies in the voting membership of the JLT occurring during the quadrennium, shall be filled by the JLT.

9) There shall be an Executive Committee of the JLT composed of the co-chairs of the JLT, three at-large members of the JLT elected by the JLT, the president of the Western Jurisdiction Association of Lay Leaders, the chair of the Western Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee, the chair of the Western Jurisdiction Inter-Ethnic Coordinating Committee, and the chair of the JCFA. The president of the College of Bishops, the chair of the Directors of Connectional Ministry, and a representative from the annual conference communicators will be invited. The Executive Committee will be tasked with building agendas and following up on business assigned to it by the JLT.

10) Participation and Support--In keeping with the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, and in the interest of broader awareness, collaboration and creativity, meetings of the JLT are open. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend. They may participate in the meetings as invited to do so. However, only members and invited guests are eligible to participate in the shared funding for meeting travel and expenses.

c. Organization—

1) After its election, the JLT shall be convened by its co-chairs and shall elect from among its own at-large members three voting members who will serve on the Executive Committee.

2) The JLT shall serve until the adjournment of the next regular session of the Jurisdictional Conference.

3) In the fourth year of the quadrennium, the co-chairs of the JLT shall meet and collaborate with JCFA in the preparation of the quadrennial budget recommendation, prior to the JLT meeting at which the budget is presented.

4) The JLT shall be funded in the regular budget of the Jurisdictional Conference.

5) The JLT shall meet at the call of the co-chairs of the JLT no less frequently than quarterly, either in-person or virtually. (If possible, the JLT should hold at least one in-person meeting annually.)

6) The Executive Committee of the JLT is encouraged to meet monthly in between gatherings of the JLT. (Meetings of the Executive Committee should be held virtually whenever possible.)

d. Responsibilities—

1) In addition to the responsibilities specified in the statement of purpose in part a) of this article, the JLT shall receive reports and recommendations from JCFA and the program bodies of the WJC and shall consult with other WJC bodies such as, but not limited to, the College of Bishops, the Western Jurisdiction Association of Lay Leaders, and the Committee on Episcopacy.

2) Giving due consideration to the recommendation of the JCFA and to the missional needs and objectives of the WJC, the JLT shall report to each gathering of the WJC about its actions and activities. Additionally, the JLT shall maintain an up-to-date account of its actions and activities on the Western Jurisdiction web page.

e. The JLT has authority to elect a new co-chair between Jurisdictional Conference sessions if a vacancy occurs.

Article XIII - Committees Chosen by Conference Delegations

There shall be the following committees which shall be composed of persons chosen by the conference delegations in the manner prescribed as follows. The names of the persons shall be submitted to the Jurisdictional Conference Secretary no later than one-week following the adjournment of General Conference.

a. COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS

1) Membership—One clergy or layperson from each conference in the jurisdiction shall be chosen by the conference delegation. To maintain balance, starting in 2012, clergy members will be chosen from the Alaska, California-Pacific, Oregon-Idaho, and Rocky Mountain conferences and laity will be chosen from California-Nevada, Desert Southwest, Pacific Northwest, and Yellowstone conferences. By March 1 of the year of the Jurisdictional meeting, those currently serving on the Committee on Program and Arrangements and having eligibility to serve another quadrennium will identify whether or not they desire to continue to serve again on the same committee. The Committee on Nominations will then confirm which conferences will be filling a lay seat and which a clergy seat while seeking a balance of representation and also alternating the representation for each conference as the representation from each conference changes. Diversity within the committee membership will be a goal. In addition to those elected by the conference delegations, the Conference Secretary, Treasurer, and Local Arrangements Committee Chair shall serve ex-officio with voice but not vote.

2) Duties—The committee works under the direction of the Jurisdictional Leadership Team to:

a) Set the site for the Conference unless otherwise ordered by the Jurisdictional Conference.

b) Make all necessary arrangements for the conference including securing a location, publicity, and registration for the conference and other arrangements to facilitate the work of the conference.

c) The committee works under the direction of the JLT to set the overall theme and agenda for the conference.

d) Consider all requests regarding the introduction of official visitors, the extension of privileges of the platform or of the floor of the conference and other courtesies of the conference to those to whom it is due, and any matter of personal privilege affecting the comfort or personal interest of the delegates to the conference or the comfort or convenience of the conference. Any delegate may submit to this committee what the delegate considers a question of privilege relative to the business of the conference. The committee shall determine whether the matter so submitted is or is not a privileged question. Matters approved as constituting Questions of Privilege shall be reported and acted on each day immediately after the report on the Journal.

e) Examine the instrument of business and daily proceedings and report to the Conference.

f) Prepare and present resolutions of appreciation at the closing session of the Conference.

g) Set time and place for meeting of all committees and councils for the purpose of organization, unless otherwise specified, at the site of the Conference.

3) A Coordinator for Worship shall be named by the Chair of Program and Arrangements. The Coordinator shall plan and make provisions for the worship experiences for the jurisdictional conference. The Coordinator shall work under the direction and guidance of the JLT.

4) Local Arrangements Sub-Committees—

The Local Arrangements Committee shall be constituted by the host Bishop and shall take responsibility for all matters relating to the local arrangements for the Conference under the guidance of the Committee on Program and Arrangements.

b. JURISDICTIONAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

There shall be a Jurisdictional Committee on Finance and Administration, hereinafter called JCFA, to which shall be referred all matters relative to the financial affairs and positions of the Western Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church. The JCFA is amenable to the Jurisdictional Leadership Team and shall advise the JLT on the resource potential of the annual and missionary conferences of the WJC and what the WJC budget should be.

1) Membership--One clergyperson and one layperson from each conference in the Jurisdiction shall be chosen by the conference delegation. The treasurer shall serve as an ex-officio member with voice but not vote. No person receiving salary funded in whole or in part from jurisdictional funds shall be eligible for voting membership on JCFA.

2) Vacancies--Vacancies which occur during the quadrennium shall be filled by the JLT.

3) Duties--

a) Take responsibility for all matters relative to the financial affairs and position of the Western Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Administrative and program expenses of the special and regular sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference and its councils and committees.

(2) All programs for the support of any Jurisdictional council or committee established by the Jurisdictional Conference which involve apportionments to the local churches, other than or in addition to those adopted by the General Council on Finance and Administration.

(3) Any other Jurisdictional program or event involving expenditure not included in the regular apportioned budget of established boards or institutions of the Church within the Jurisdiction.

b) Consider requests in the intervals between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference from Jurisdictional Boards or other Jurisdictional institutions or enterprises for inauguration or conduct of campaigns for funds. Such requests must receive the approval and consent of three-fourths of the members of the JCFA before such a campaign may be conducted.

c) Nominate the Conference Treasurer. The JCFA shall have authority to fill a vacancy in the office of treasurer "ad interim."

d) The JCFA shall have the ledgers, accounts, and financial statements of the Jurisdictional Conference in the custody of the treasurer audited within one hundred twenty (120) days after the close of the fiscal quadrennium as defined by the current Discipline.

e) The JCFA shall recommend to the JLT a per diem and travel allowance to be paid to regular delegates attending the sessions of the Western Jurisdictional Conference. Any delegate residing outside the bounds of the Jurisdictional Conference shall be compensated for expenses from a central point within the annual or missionary conference from which she or he may be elected, or from the bounds of the Jurisdictional Conference, whichever she or he may choose.

f) Budget recommendations to the JLT:

(1) The JCFA shall invite Jurisdictional Conference councils, committees, and agencies, including the Jurisdictional Leadership Team and the College of Bishops, desiring to secure funding support to present proposals to the JCFA in writing no later than a deadline set by JCFA in consultation with the Jurisdictional

Treasurer. JCFA meetings dealing with budget development shall be open to all interested parties.

(2) Subsequent to the receipt and due consideration of funding proposals and requests, the JCFA, in collaboration with the Jurisdictional Leadership Team, shall prepare a proposed budget and submit it to the Western Jurisdictional Conference.

(3) The JCFA shall recommend for adoption, after thorough and documented study and investigation, to the JLT, the following:

I. The basis or formula upon which apportionments--the financial amount assigned to the Annual and Missionary Conferences required to support the Jurisdictional Conference budget-- shall be applied.

II. The amount to be apportioned to each Annual and Missionary Conference for the ensuing quadrennium.

g) The JCFA shall receive within six months after the end of its fiscal period a copy of the quadrennial (or annual) audit report of each agency which receives funds from the Jurisdictional Conference.

h) All funds remaining in the budget of the conference at the end of the quadrennium shall become an addition to the General Operating Reserve Fund. The JCFA shall authorize any expenditures from this fund, providing requests related to program areas shall first be recommended by the JLT.

c. COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

1) Membership--The committee shall be composed of a delegate from each Annual and Missionary Conference.

2) Duties--This committee shall receive matters of dispute pertaining to the credentials of any delegate and shall make recommendations of resolution to the Jurisdictional Conference.

d. COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY

1) Membership—

a) The committee shall be composed as provided in the current Discipline and shall serve throughout the quadrennium as defined by the current Discipline.

b) No persons shall serve on the Committee on Episcopacy and the Committee on Nominations at the same time.

2) Duties—

a) This committee shall fulfill the provisions as required by the General Conference in passing on the character and official administration of the bishops of the Jurisdiction, and report its findings to the Jurisdictional Conference for appropriate action.

b) The committee shall recommend to the conference the location of episcopal residences and the assignments of the effective bishops for the ensuing quadrennium.

c) The committee will design a Nominee Profile Form to include specific data about the nominee, as well as provide individual expression of positions on relevant issues. In addition they will design a Support Statement Form which will allow up to 3 others to write statements of support for the nominee.

d) A lay member of this committee from the host conference will convene a meeting of the lay and clergy heads of each delegation. The meeting will take place during the morning of the first day of the jurisdictional conference, prior to the opening session. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the procedures of election and to have dialogue among the heads of the delegations. The heads of the delegations will be encouraged to meet at least once a day during the conference for continued dialogue.

e) The committee shall design an orientation session for potential Episcopal nominees (not limited to those nominated by their annual conferences) on the first morning of the conference, prior to the opening session. This should be scheduled to avoid conflict with the meeting of heads of delegations. The committee shall provide a moderator (lay person) to field questions and to monitor the time for each nominee during Nominee Forums.

e. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

1) Membership –

a) The committee shall be composed of a clergyperson and a layperson from each Annual and Missionary Conference delegation.

b) No person may serve on the Committee on Nominations and the Committee on Episcopacy at the same time and no member of the Committee on Nominations shall be eligible for election to a general agency through the Jurisdictional process.

2) Duties –

a) The committee shall meet at least one day before the opening of Jurisdictional Conference.

b) The committee shall nominate apportioned Jurisdictional representation from among the conferences to General Agencies and the Connectional Table in direct proportion to the sizes of their respective Jurisdictional Conference delegations and as specified by General Conference in the current Discipline as guided by the Secretary of the General Conference. Working with the parameters of the current Discipline, in as much as possible, no conference shall have fewer than two nor more than six members elected by the Jurisdictional Conference to the total membership of the general agencies.

c) At least thirty percent (30%) of the total representatives from each conference to the agencies listed shall be, as far as possible, racial ethnic persons.

d) The committee shall nominate the co-chairperson candidates, at-large members, and alternates of the Jurisdictional Leadership Team, who shall be elected by the Western Jurisdictional Conference as specified in Article XII.b.5) and 6).

e) The committee shall nominate others as directed by the Jurisdictional Conference.

Article XIV - Committees Nominated by the College of Bishops

There shall be the following committees which shall be composed as indicated and nominated by the College of Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction:

a. COMMITTEE ON APPEALS

1) Membership--The committee shall be composed of four elders, one deacon, one full-time local pastor, one Certified Lay Minister, and four lay persons who must have been members of The United Methodist Church for at least the six preceding years, and an equal number of corresponding alternates, nominated by the Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction, and elected by the Conference. No member shall participate in the hearing of an appeal who is a member of a conference in the Episcopal area of the appellant.

2) Officers--A bishop designated by the College of Bishops shall convene the committee at the site of Jurisdictional Conference for the purpose of electing officers. The committee shall elect its own president and secretary and shall adopt its own rules of procedure, and its decisions shall be final, except that an appeal may be taken to the Judicial Council only upon questions of law related to the procedures of the Committee on Appeals or under the provisions of the Discipline.

3) Duties--This committee shall exercise the duties prescribed in the current Discipline, and shall serve until its successors have been elected.

b. COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION

1) Membership--The committee shall be composed of four clergy in full connection and three professing members (with not more than one from each Annual or Missionary Conference, if possible), nominated by the Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction in consultation with the Committee on Episcopacy, or nominated from the floor, and elected by the Conference. The committee should reflect racial, ethnic, and gender diversity. Six alternate members, three of whom shall be clergypersons in full connection, and three of whom shall be professing members shall be elected in the same manner.

2) Officers--The committee shall elect a chairperson and organize at the Jurisdictional Conference.

3) Quorum--Seven members or alternates seated, as members of the committee shall constitute a quorum and a vote to adopt any charge or specification shall require five votes.

4) Duties--This committee shall exercise the duties prescribed in the current Discipline, and shall serve until its successors have been elected.

Article XV - Organization of Committees

Unless otherwise specified in this Plan of Organization, all committees created by or reporting to the Western Jurisdictional Conference shall be organized as provided in this article.

a. Term of Office--Members shall begin their term of office at the close of the WJC quadrennial conference and shall serve for four years or until their successors have been selected and seated, whichever comes last, or until the member resigns or is removed from office by proper procedures.

b. Time and Place--The committees and councils shall meet for organization at an hour and place to be announced by the Committee on Program and Arrangements unless other provision is made in the rules.

c. Convener--A convener for each council and committee shall be appointed by the College of Bishops.

d. Procedure--Each committee shall organize by the election of a Chairperson and Secretary, and such other officers as may be required and all business shall

be conducted according to the Rules of Order and Procedure of the Conference so far as they can be applied. Immediately after the organization of committees, the officers shall be reported to the Conference Secretary. The name and address of the chairperson and the secretary shall be printed under the roster of committees.

e. Committee Vacancies--Vacancies which occur in committees between regular sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference shall be filled by the JLT.

Article XVI - Other Committees

a. There shall be a COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, an auxiliary to the General Commission, to be composed of representatives of member conferences as stated in the by-laws of the Commission on Archives and History. The responsibilities of the Commission on Archives and History shall include the collection and preservation of archival materials, supervision of the jurisdiction depository, and the provision of resources and support to annual conference commissions.

b. There shall be a COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION without claim on the budget of the Western Jurisdiction.

1) Membership--One member from each Annual and Missionary Conference to be named by each Annual or Missionary Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry or equivalent structure, with up to three additional members to be named by the Presidents of the seven United Methodist schools of the Jurisdiction, and two campus ministers to be named by the Western Jurisdiction members of the National Committee on Campus Ministry.

2) Duties--To establish Jurisdiction-wide programs to give attention to issues bearing on the mission of Christian higher education including encouragement of young persons to enter the United Methodist schools of the Jurisdiction and promoting resources available to assist the students.

c. There shall be an INTER-ETHNIC COORDINATING COMMITTEE

1) Membership to include:

a) Jurisdictional Caucus Chairs and Staff or designated representative from each racial/ethnic caucus;

b) Annual Conference Staff with major responsibility for racial/ethnic ministries and Annual Conference Chair/or designated representative of the agency with a major racial/ethnic Ministries portfolio;

c) Representative from the College of Bishops

d) Other Jurisdictional Racial/Ethnic Staff (for example, Korean Mission Superintendent)

e) Designated Annual Conference Director of Connectional Ministries as staff support.

f) Representative from the JLT.

2) Duties:

a) Provide a forum for persons working in racial/ethnic ministries to share information, ideas and models of ministry across conference boundaries;

b) Monitor responses to and implementation of the various ethnic ministry plans of the general church in the annual conferences;

c) Assist in staging a quadrennial consultation and any other events as needed to address issues pertinent to continuing development of racial/ethnic and multicultural ministries;

d) Make recommendations to the Jurisdictional Leadership Team regarding future work toward an inclusive church;

e) Provide a needed communication link throughout the Western Jurisdiction;

f) Other work as needed.

3) The co-chairs of the JLT will convene the committee during the first year of the quadrennium, preside over election of officers and assist with membership changes throughout the quadrennium.

d. There shall be a COMMITTEE ON RULES

1) Membership-- The committee shall be composed of one member from each Annual and Missionary Conference delegation. Committee members shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations. The Secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference shall serve as an ex-officio member with voice but not vote.

2) Duties:

a) The committee shall assure that the Western Jurisdictional Conference Rules of Order and Plan of Organization is up to date and support the promotion of the mission and ministry of the Western Jurisdiction.

b) The committee shall receive rule changes recommended by agencies of the jurisdiction or jurisdictional delegates and present them to the Jurisdictional Conference.

c) The committee shall ensure current and proposed standing rules are consistent with the Book of Discipline.

d) The committee shall report directly to the Jurisdictional Conference.

e. There shall be an ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE established from the jurisdictional conference membership.

1) Membership-The committee shall be composed of seven people who are not members of the Committee on Episcopacy. Committee members shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations. The committee shall reflect racial, ethnic, and gender diversity.

2) Purpose-Ensure that the disciplinary procedures for any involuntary action recommended by the jurisdictional committee on episcopacy are properly followed, per Book of Discipline 539.

3) Three members of the Administrative Review Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Article XVII - Limitation of Terms

No person shall serve on any one jurisdictional committee for more than two consecutive quadrennia unless otherwise provided for in the Discipline.

Temporary Suspensions for 2024

For the 2024 session of the Western Jurisdiction Conference, Rule 17.E.1:a-f (page 50 of the 2022 Journal) shall be temporarily suspended due to the timeline created by the IJCOE process. These rules shall resume after the adjournment of the 2024 session.

For the 2024 session of the Western Jurisdiction Conference, Rule XII.b.5 (page 58 of the 2022 Journal) shall be temporarily suspended due to the timeline created by the pandemic delay of the 2022 conference. These rules shall resume after the adjournment of the 2024 session.

Legislation

Subject: Supporting Ratification of the Worldwide Regionalization Constitutional Amendments both within the Western Jurisdictional Conference and in the Central Conferences

Submitters: Jason Takagi, Jeffrey Kuan, Richard Bentley, Kay Barckley, Mark Stephenson, Jessica Rooks, Sandy Olewine, Anthony Tang, Katharine Henry, Michael Hsu, Cathy Wilson, Mary Klaehn, Dione Taylor, Kristin Stoneking, Ken Walden, Gayle Shearman, Frank Wulf, Elizabeth Brick, Joe Kim, Emily Allen

Presenters: Jason Takagi, Richard Bentley, Jeffrey Kuan

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None (works within existing budgets)

WHEREAS, in an historic General Conference session, delegates voted in unprecedented margins to restructure The United Methodist Church into Regional Conferences; and

WHEREAS there would be a Regional Conference in the United States of America, several Regional Conferences across the European continent, one Regional Conference in the Philippines, and several Regional Conferences across the African continent; and

WHEREAS each of these Regional Conferences will share a common Constitution, Social Principles, and Doctrinal Standards; and

WHEREAS these Regional Conferences will live into what The United Methodist Church holds in common in ways that are contextually appropriate for their context and culture; and

WHEREAS, in order for this Worldwide Regionalization structure to go into effect, its constitutional amendments must be ratified by an aggregate two-thirds of all the members voting at every Annual Conference session all around the world according to the provisions set forth in the Constitution of The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the Western Jurisdictional Conference at its 2022 session endorsed a Worldwide Regionalization Plan as a faithful next step that the people called United Methodists can take in our ever-evolving journey to be a worldwide Church; and

WHEREAS the California-Nevada, California-Pacific, Desert Southwest, Mountain Sky, Oregon-Idaho, and Pacific Northwest Annual Conferences through their respective boards and agencies working within their existing budgets, along with churches and individuals within the Western Jurisdiction have a history of working with grassroots leaders in the Central Conference connected with the Christmas Covenant Team by providing funding for their work through the Western Methodist Justice Movement (WMJM) and Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA); and

WHEREAS the California-Nevada, California-Pacific and Pacific-Northwest Annual Conferences through their respective boards and agencies working within their existing budgets, along with churches and individuals within the Western Jurisdiction annual

conferences have a history of working to deepen relationships at a grassroots level with Central Conference leaders by helping fund worldwide relationship building work through the Love Your Neighbor Coalition (LYNC); and

WHEREAS a grassroots Central Conference Ratification Team has formed made up of lay and clergy members of The United Methodist Church from across the worldwide connection and with a vast majority of its members in the Central Conferences in Africa and the Philippines, and

WHEREAS this Central Conference Ratification Team is working to provide education at a grassroots level in annual conferences located within their respective Central Conferences on what Worldwide Regionalization means in their contexts with the goal of getting delegates to their annual conferences to vote to ratify the Worldwide Regionalization constitutional amendments; and

WHEREAS working with such grassroots Central Conference leaders is another way to help secure the necessary two-thirds aggregate vote needed to ratify the Worldwide Regionalization Constitutional Amendments,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Jurisdictional Conference encourages its boards and agencies working within their existing budgets to promote the ratification of the Worldwide Regionalization constitutional amendments within the annual conferences of the Western Jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Western Jurisdictional Conference encourages each annual conference within its bounds to have its annual conference boards and agencies working within their existing budgets to promote the ratification of the Worldwide Regionalization constitutional amendments within their respective annual conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Western Jurisdictional Conference seeks to secure the necessary two-thirds worldwide aggregate ratification vote by encouraging boards and agencies of annual conferences and local churches within its bounds working within existing budgets along with individual United Methodists in the Western Jurisdiction to support the efforts of the Central Conference Ratification Team and/or other similar groups to promote the ratification of the Worldwide Regionalization constitutional amendments; such agents as WMJM, MFSA, LYNC and/or other organizations with experience in working with Central Conference groups may be used as a means of providing funding to Central Conference leaders promoting the ratification of the Worldwide Regionalization constitutional amendments.

Conference Profiles

As the 2024 WJC occurred so closely to the 2022 WJC, most conferences carried forward their 2022 Profiles. They can be found in that journal.

Alaska Annual Conference Profile, 2024

Ministry overview

What is the mission or missional focus of your Conference?

Making Disciples for the Transformation of the World.

Bishop Bridgeforth has called us to follow Jesus' challenge in the story of the Good Samaritan to "go and do likewise." As people of faith, committed to the love of Christ in our various communities, we are encouraged to go the M.I.L.E.

M – Ministry that Matters

Church can become a verb by committing to ministry that matters – working within our communities to address underlying needs in areas such as housing, climate, hunger and health.

I – Itineration and Location

In order to lead our ministries to effectively work within our communities, we must ordain, appoint and assign pastoral leaders to the right ministry setting with the right resources in place to effect change.

L – Lay Ministry Enhancement

Laity are already a critical resource in our congregations and ministry settings, but there is a need to equip and empower laity to be a more active voice in our churches and communities we serve.

E – Eliminating Racism

As people of faith, we need to renew our efforts to eliminate the racism that is pervasive not only in society, but within our congregations, ministry settings and the institution of the church in general.

Under the direction of our Director of Connectional Ministries, a task force has spent time working on relationships, growing in intercultural competency, and developing a Values Statement to guide our work going forward, a statement that will continue to shape mission and our focus in the years ahead.

We acknowledge that the Methodist Church is complicit with and rooted in the colonization of Alaska and recognize that we live in that ongoing legacy. We lament the harm and trauma that our faith community causes. John Wesley, founder of the

Methodist Movement, summarized God's directives with three Rules: do no harm, do good, and attend to the ordinances of God. We also celebrate the grace, the love, and the good that our church does that calls us to re-imagine mission through intentional discipleship with one another.

Alaska Conference Values:

The love of God, neighbor, and self, demonstrated by the deliberate embracing and valuing of differences, the leveling of imbalances between people and systems, and the intentional dismantling of inequities in whatever forms they present themselves.

Healing grace-filled mission with communities and churches that prioritizes local experiences and shares resources across time and distance through equitable relationships.

Living into connectionalism by belonging to and trusting in one another to nurture relationships that celebrate the gifts each of our communities bring, allowing us to move forward in a decolonized way.

What three ministry accomplishments during the past eight years has been most significant in achieving or making progress toward the mission or missional focus of your conference?

Ministry that Matters

New church start transitioning through its work to Alaska Native HOPE (History of Oppression Project of Empowerment) helps Alaska Native people heal from collective colonial history through relationship and trust, so all — families, selves, and communities — can discover their own path forward to hope. ANHOPE combats the harms of historic oppression by addressing critical needs for healing now, while contributing to the prevention of future trauma through weekly contextual worship and community-based support networks.

Chartering of Ola Toe Fuataina and its phenomenal growth

Health and Housing – The great number of our churches offering ministries to address food insecurity.

Those that open doors as cold weather shelters.

United Women in Faith – hosting jurisdictional gathering here in Alaska

Itineration and Location

Creation of ever new partnerships...particularly as we recognize the reduction of fulltime appointments in our conference.

A new circuit rider model.

Lay Ministry Enhancement

Revitalization of the Lay Servant Ministries team and the outstanding number of lay servants that we have added.

Eliminating Racism

The equity cohort work.

More intentional work towards addressing salary inequities.

In what way is your conference selecting, preparing, empowering and deploying new leaders? To what degree do new leaders represent the diversity of your conference?

Nominations has been very intentional about finding and deploying new leaders. We expect to see great increase here at the beginning of a new quadrennium. In the recent past more persons of color have been added to the central leadership team, inclusive of voices from our new Samoan church. Among our clergy who are persons of color many hold leadership positions. We continue our effort to engage more laity.

To what degree are laity involved in leadership, including decision-making, in your conference? How might this be improved?

We are thankful for the work of our conference laity, especially those who are in leader roles and who chair conference teams.

Laity of Alaska have shaped legislation that has impacted the whole denomination.

Our lay servant ministries team is training up new lay servants and ministers.

We are excited to have two active deaconesses and one home missionary involved at multiple levels.

By our Alaska conference rules every team has carefully prescribed lay representation and we have purposefully done that on our Nominations team as well. Our nominating team is intentionally seeking to move new leaders into key positions, as many of those who are currently in these roles carry a heavy load.

What is the role and impact of ecumenical activity/relationships in the ministry of your conference?

We currently have two United congregations (Presbyterian and UM) in Juneau and Anchorage and thus we have close relationships with the Presbyterian Church USA with our superintendent working together with the Presbyters of the area to care for these congregations.

We also have deeply valued partnering with our colleagues in ministry as we jointly advocate for justice within our communities, especially through local clergy and congregations working together to make statements and work for social justice.

We are thankful to have JOIN (Justice Organizing Interfaith Network) a statewide organization which assists ecumenical congregations in working together as well as worshipping together.

Rev. Charles Brower's ministry as Co-Executive Director of the ecumenical Intergenerational Arctic Ministries (IAM) provides support to the North Slope Borough and St. Lawrence Island Communities for which we are also thankful. IAM trains up

local volunteers using the Stephen Ministries models. Charles does note, “The variety of Alaska Native Communities challenges the development of one model for all denominations throughout Alaska and this Native Ministries committee hopes each church will look at their Alaska native siblings and engage in discussions with them on what they desire, like, and hope for.

The responsibility for reparations work belongs to all of our denominations. We point to the wonderful example of United Methodists and Presbyterians within the United church in Juneau working together to fashion a response to the racist closing of Memorial Church (Presbyterian) in Juneau long ago. There was a wonderful service and a full weekend of reparations work spearheaded by the Presbyterians but well attended by United Methodists and Presbyterians alike this past fall.

Many of our churches partner with the other churches and organizations locally as they engage in their work of meeting human need through food pantry, firewood ministries, aid networks, etc.

Conference culture and context

How do you describe the “personality” of your conference?

We are small in numbers, so we pay great attention to giving voice to each other. We cover a vast geographic region, with 27 ministry settings. Former Superintendent Rapanut was fond of describing us as one church with many doors. We appreciate the voice that the larger church has given us in granting us a greater than proportional number of representatives at general and jurisdictional conferences. We are resilient. The weather and geography shape our identity. We stand outside to deliver food pantry goods at -20 degrees. We pause in the summer as our people go to fish camps. We live in regions like Unalaska, Nome, Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan that are not on the highway system. To some we have to fly. To some we take ferries. We have some churches that will perpetually be mission congregations, unable to support a pastor without outside fundraising through the Advance. We celebrate our missionary conference identity and we lament the harm that was done at many points along the way to our Alaska Native siblings. We are committed to work towards the dismantling of racism.

In earlier days each of our clergy came to us as missionaries selected by GBGM. Close to 20 years ago this began to change. Now all of our clergy come to us from other conferences, recruited from afar with a more recent change of a few “home grown”. We are again seeking missionary pastor places in some settings such as Unalaska.

While our clergy are largely moderate or progressive, in our congregations we find persons of all political and theological perspectives. Our table is open to all.

At the same time, we are committed to full inclusion of our sibling LGBTQIAs and for the most part our congregations are thankful to be a part of a “safe harbor” conference.

We are one big Alaska Conference family who love to have fun when we gather. In 2018 the whole conference went out on a glacier boat ride as our conference evening session.

Many of our churches have essential roles in social safety nets in most of the communities we live in.

How do geography and geographic challenges impact your ministry?

Many of our churches are not on the highway grid, so we have to budget more for transportation as part of conference meetings. Zoom has become a helpful way of meeting. We have to be flexible with the weather. We are also heartier. We seldom cancel services because of the weather. Some of our churches have served as emergency shelters in times of fire or earthquake. Many of our congregations have been involved in community recovery after fires. The beauty of this place attracts many VIM teams from around the country. We have experienced everything from earthquakes, to fire, to being prepared for tsunamis. Even though there are 27 ministry settings, because the geography is so huge, is it really feasible or healthy to have a $\frac{3}{4}$ superintendent/ $\frac{1}{4}$ time DCM? The needs in both areas are great.

What impact are the denominational questions around schism and disaffiliation having on your conference?

This has become a source of financial instability as many congregations have lost key members who have been in disagreement either with each other or with the conference or with the denomination over a host of issues. We lost one congregation to disaffiliation. The loss of key givers in strategic places has been huge. We delight in being a safe harbor conference with five reconciling faith communities.

What impact has COVID had on your conference and its ministries?

We are still in many senses recovering from COVID. We particularly see this in the number of churches that have had to go from fulltime to parttime pastoral leaders. Consequently we are for the first time developing new models of ministry and finding ourselves relying more on Licensed Local Pastors and Lay supply for pastors.

What challenges within your conference must be addressed if mission and ministry is to thrive?

*Congregations need to heal after Covid

*Funding needs must be addressed. The FACT report that GCFA completed several years ago

<https://app.box.com/s/3svzyfo2cxqq9m34puf6ldrsfu9sodmw> identified the disproportionate dependence on St John UMC both financially as well as in the concentration there of children, youth, and young adult participation and membership.

*Needs of the “mission churches” must be addressed.

*Advance partnerships need to be rebuilt

*Creative ways of staffing churches and finding pastors if we cannot afford fulltime pastors.

*Continued development of Lay Ministers and Local Pastors

*Looking at our salary structures and trying to bring equity into them.

*Bringing into the center the needs of our ethnic minority churches

*Re-engaging with our communities

*Innovation

*Intercultural Competency – How do we move from minimization onward

*Justice Pieces – How are we caring for the needs of our local pastors?

*New revenue streams need to be developed

Leadership needs

What leadership qualities and skills are needed from your Bishop in the next 2 – 6 years?

1. Good administrator with Fundraising Abilities - Ability to move Alaska from scarcity to Abundance. Ability to build on denominational connections to explore new funding streams.

2. Holy Boldness - Spirit filled and Justice seeking. Willingness to continue to extend Safe Harbor, to continue to lead us in the paths of anti-racism, intercultural competency, inclusion, innovation.

3. Compassionate Visionary -Vision caster who also works compassionately to help those under their care grow to whatever their next step needs to be.

4. Healer/Community builder - Deep Love of and Delight in our people, churches, communities and clergy. Helping us to find and build on our unique strengths.

5 Models healthy boundaries - Work, Worship, Play balanced, Sabbath Rest. Expects these from all their staff.

Which of these are the most critical?

Healing Presence/Visionary/Good Administrator/Boldness to continue Safe Harbor

What are your conference's expectations of a Bishop?

We recognize that we share a bishop with the rest of the Greater Northwest Area. We have always valued those times when our bishop can be physically present with us. Usually that included the Fall and Winter Clergy Gatherings and Rendezvous meetings, and Conference. We have also valued the vision casting and strong administrative skills, the justice seeking calls, the holy boldness of extending safe harbor.

What haven't we asked that the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy should be aware of when making episcopal assignments?

Knowledge of the Alaska Conference and steady leadership with the transitions ahead would be grand.

Demographics

Number of chartered congregations, number of fellowships

2 fellowships (AnHOPE, Palmer)

25 chartered congregations (14 support fulltime pastors but several of these involve significant subsidy)

Number of clergy members by gender and ethnicity

Female 11

Male 15

Nonbinary 1

2 Korean

2 Samoan

1 Filipino

3 Alaska Native

1 Japanese American

18 Caucasian

We have only one “member” elder – Retired elder Charles Brower, Alaska Native. The rest are guests from other conferences in the true historic tradition of the Missionary Conference.

We do have several local pastors under the care of our PMU.

Number of professing lay members by ethnic background

137 Asian

16 African American

21 Hispanic Latino

77 Native American

155 Pacific Islander

2037 White

62 multi racial

2505 total

Average Sunday attendance

1150 total in person

587 online

1737 total

Size of conference staff (exempt and non-exempt)

1 Three Quarter Time Superintendent (exempt)
 1 Quarter time DCM (exempt)
 1 Administrative Assistant (non-exempt)
 2 (Treasurer and Benefits Officer) shared on contract with PNW

Number of new congregations started this quadrennium

Ola Toe Fuataina United Methodist Church was chartered with over 100 members in March of 2023.

Number of church closures this quadrennium

North Pole – Became a Presbyterian Church instead of a United church
 Samoan Congregation at First Anchorage

St Peter the Fisherman disaffiliated

Financial Status

At what rate are apportionments received?

2020	84.70%
2021	90.27%
2022	84.06%
2023	93.35%

At what rate are general/jurisdictional apportionments paid?

2020	100% GCFA budgeted amount
2021	90.71% of 2016 GCFA budgeted amount but 100% based upon proposed
	2020 GCFA budget
2022	83% of 2016 GCFA budgeted GC amount but paid just under
100% JC due to	a miscommunication on a change in rate
2023	83% of 2016 GCFA budgeted GC amount but paid just under
100% JC due to	a miscommunication on a change in rate
	2020 GCFA budget

What is the status of funding future pension obligations?

PSR	\$894
CA %	100%
Funded Status	(41,540)
Funded Ratio	98%

Are there important ministries your conference cannot do because of budget constraints? If so, please elaborate.

Our rich tradition as a missionary conference was that missionaries were sent to communities to be pastors in, to, and with the whole community as well as a congregation. They were full time. We wanted more autonomy and choice and gradually we lost our GBGM funding. Our ministers no longer itinerated to raise funds from the rest of the larger church. For a while this worked with thriving congregations that could fund themselves and the congregations' ministries and the conference. Those pastors had benefits. Now we are seeing fewer and fewer congregations that can afford fulltime pastors. This furthers the decline of our congregations who particularly this side of the pandemic need fulltime pastoral attention. One of the greatest re-vitalization needs is the re-funding of our pastors, to fulltime minimums with full time benefits. We are strongest if we return to the idea of pastors appointed to communities and not just to particular congregations. We're unsure that divided focus helps our churches or communities.

Parttime: 12 churches, 10 positions (24-25)

Nome Community UMC 1/2

Homer UMC 3/4 (could be fulltime)

Aldersgate UMC 3/4

Douglas Community UMC 1/2

Ole Toe Fuataina UMC 3/4

Anchorage Korean UMC 1/2

Christ First UMC – 2 co-pastors, just less than fulltime

Kenai UMC 1/4

North Star UMC 1/4

Seward Memorial UMC/Moose Pass UMC 3/4

Palmer Fellowship 1/4

Fulltime: 15 churches, 17 positions (24-25)

Willow UMC Advance plus \$8,000 subsidy - \$150,000 raised annually

Jewel Lake Parish

St John UMC

First Anchorage UMC

Kuneix Hidi Northern Light United Church

Sitka UMC

First UMC, Fairbanks

AnHOPE – Anchor Park \$130,000 fully funded

Girdwood Chapel UMC \$8,000 subsidy

Anchor Park UMC

UMC of Chugiak

Soldotna UMC \$20,000 subsidy

Turnagain UMC

First UMC, Ketchikan \$26,000 Benefits and subsidy

Unalaska – with GBGM partnership

California-Nevada Annual Conference Profile, 2024

A. Ministry overview

a. What is the mission or missional focus of your Conference?

The annual conference approved a new missional focus in 2023: “Following Jesus. Thriving in community. Healing the world.” Our hope is that we are guided by this vision, a visible movement of healing will arise from within our conference and that our future testimonies will declare that God is still at work in us and through us, and that God, “is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20). With God, all things are possible...even the healing of the world.

We are also excited about the five areas of focus presented at General Conference:

Leading where God calls

Making disciples in new places

Overcoming poverty together

Seeking health and wellness for all

Eradication of racism

b. What three ministry accomplishments during the past six years have been most significant in achieving or making progress toward the mission or missional focus of your conference?

Diversity in Leadership Development

During the last quadrennium, the conference reorganized its program offices with renewed investment on connectional ministries and congregational development, while emphasizing leadership across cultural lines. Inclusion of diversity became even more intentional, including offering lay training in different languages; beginning new ministries within various ethnic communities; ordaining and licensing our most diverse groups of candidates and residents ever when it comes to deacons and elders, sexual orientations, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

Racial Justice Work

Various events, worship services, and studies have been engaged to promote and support congregations in our collective work to create a more just society, including a service of repentance for atrocities committed against Native Americans, worship led by the Black Methodists for Church Renewal during Annual Conference, and support for Black clergy throughout the pandemic and in the wake of the murder of George Floyd.

New Church Planting, Revitalization, and Legacy Church Conversations

The conference reorganized the districts to focus on developing a strategic presence in the Bay Area and San Francisco in particular. It organized District Unions to consolidate the resources of the extension societies into entities fully engaged in and supporting the new revised conference strategy.

c. In what way is your conference selecting, preparing, empowering and deploying new leaders? To what degree do new leaders represent the diversity of your conference?

Leadership development work does represent the diversity of our conference (in ethnicity, language, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, etc). In March 2020, a new Director of Leadership Development was hired to deepen effectiveness among lay and

clergy leaders. The conference initiated a process to train 75 pastors and 250 lay persons by the year 2024 for the work of planting or launching new ministries. However, there is room for improvement in strategic, systematic, and ongoing recruitment and leadership development programs (rather than one-off training events) for clergy and laity, and identifying more persons with passion for ministry.

d. To what degree are laity involved in leadership, including decision-making, in your conference? How might this be improved?

Under the leadership of the Conference Lay Leader, a renewed focus on training the laity at local, circuit, and district levels has been implemented (the second Laity Summit will happen in early October, with intentional follow up with participants at the district level). The Conference Committee on Nomination and Connectional Leadership Development is intentionally expanding its practice to recruit lay persons to serve on the conference agencies, coordinating with the Core Team to develop training programs for inviting, equipping and supporting their participation. Recruiting and including the laity might be improved by a direct line of communication, rather than being filtered through a local church or clergy person. There is room for improvement in recognition and affirmation at the local church level of laity participation in leadership roles at regional levels, and there is a felt need for improvement in the level of cooperation and collaboration clergy give to lay-led boards and committees.

e. What is the role and impact of ecumenical activity/relationships in the ministry of your conference?

Many appointments with Full-Communion partners have been fruitful. The presence of two state capitals in our episcopal area provides the conference and its episcopal leader many opportunities for holding up a prophetic and visionary voice and leadership in the society. The conference has a strong contingency of lay and clergy leaders who, with the bishop and cabinet, participate in ecumenical and interreligious efforts focused on immigration, homelessness, feeding the hungry, and community organizing. In this context, there is a renewed engagement with ecumenical partners in order to be a faithful and relevant witness to society. The Committee on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relations is leading the conference in expanding these dialogues and relationships, including through strengthening the North State Ecumenical Council.

B. Conference culture and context

a. How do you describe the “personality” of your conference?

Our conference is very proud of its ability to hold the tension of theological diversity and create spaces for practicing respectful dialogue across theological and ethnic-cultural divides, which we believe gives us tremendous capacity to move forward together and embrace one another in inclusive practices (for example, inclusive ordination for people of various ethnicities, languages, backgrounds, gender identities, sexual orientations, and more). The bishop and Cabinet have played vital roles in acknowledging the challenges of social, economic, and political divides in our region; leading the churches, circuits, and districts to contextualize their ministries; and challenging the agencies to resource the ministries being implemented in these various contexts.

b. How do geography and geographic challenges impact your ministry?

The geography of our conference has a huge impact on the ministry of our conference! The geographic diversity also reflects the political differences and population density

diversity of the conference. Local communities have different and diverse needs (rural/urban) and capacities to resource outreach. Even smaller regions of church connection, like circuits containing 6-10 churches, have widely different ministry contexts. This creates challenges in working together with other Methodists (e.g., a two-hour conference event is prohibitive for those who would have to drive half a day to get there).

c. What impact are the denominational questions around schism and disaffiliation having on your conference?

The Conference Committee on Episcopacy does not have a clear understanding of the impact of denominational schism conference-wide. The topic was only briefly touched on at the last Annual Conference session (June 2022), with complaints about the financial obligations of disaffiliation taking up the floor from a minority of church leaders. There is a sense that we are losing active participants in local churches because of the national coverage, and there is some concern about the caucuses remaining quiet about their inclinations. Only one congregation has voted to disaffiliate, with about five more beginning the process. Most are small and will not have much financial impact on the conference, and are unlikely to survive beyond five years. It's likely more congregations (but fewer than 20) will initiate this process after the Judicial Council makes upcoming decisions about who can set the terms of disaffiliation.

e. What challenges within your conference must be addressed if mission and ministry is to thrive?

Early in the 2017-2020 quadrennium, the California-Nevada Conference requested Wespath to send a Financial Advisory Consulting Team (FACT) to conduct a study of the financial data and records of the conference and to engage the conference leadership to consider the challenges and recommendations presented in their report. The report addressed the declining trends in membership and attendance and identified five challenges with accompanying recommendations, pointing to the need for "radical (root-level) changes." However, the pandemic continues to affect the conference in significant ways. We will need to address several things in order for our conference to move forward in health and wholeness: misinformation, grief, and painful confusion around the suspension of our bishop and those impacted in our conference; healing and restoring of relationships among clergy divided around the suspension of our bishop; creative, risky, and innovative ways to connect to new people in congregations with shrinking resources; insufficient numbers of pastors, combined with congregations who cannot support a full-time clergy member; misinformation and grief around potential UMC schism and disaffiliation; clarifying our missional focus, and finding ways to connect and contextualize our shared ministry through diverse congregations conference-wide.

C. Leadership needs

a. What leadership qualities and skills are needed from your Bishop in the next 4 years?

We need guidance to implement and manage the vision and missional focus that were developed, and to take seriously the challenges that are before us. We need a bishop with the experience and passion to engage and collaborate with our diverse racial/ethnic caucuses. We need a bishop who can, with a pastoral heart and a collaborative spirit, work with, encourage, and empower all of us for our shared ministry (deacons,

elders, licensed local pastors, and laity, those employed in extension ministries, cabinet and conference staff, in all of our diversities). The bishop should honor the gifts and care for the burdens we carry, and offer us a relational, supportive model to rebuild trust and create spaces for healing and truth-telling about all that we have experienced and continue to wrestle with (including, but not limited to, supporting the wellness and mental health of clergy and laity). Due to the divisions experienced during and following the bishop's complaint process, we need a bishop who can equip the whole conference to focus on healing, spiritual growth and discipleship.

b. Which of these are the most critical?

Collaboration, transparency, healing, holding the community together in healthy relationships.

c. What are your conference's expectations of a Bishop?

We expect our bishop to have experience working cross-culturally, and to hold gently the diverse needs across our region. We look to the bishop as the one to guide us through their actions and leadership at Annual Conference Session, as well as regular messages to the conference. We take our cues for inclusivity, ecumenical collaboration, LGBTQ inclusion, and schism from the bishop. We expect our bishop to live into their gifts and to recruit and develop partnerships to delegate the work that may lay outside their giftedness. We want a bishop who will champion risk-taking ministry to meet the needs of an evolving world.

D. What haven't we asked that the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy should be aware of when making episcopal assignments?

We care about having a bishop that will serve both this Annual Conference and the general church, and represent us well. We want to be connected to the global church, and we strongly believe that our conference has valuable gifts to share. We want to know if our bishop can use the tools and technology of this age to connect to the world (media savvy). And we want a bishop who will foster the strong relationships that have been built between conference staff and cabinet members during the last year.

E. Demographics

Number of chartered congregations, number of fellowships: 323, 1 (as of 2022)

Number of clergy members by gender and ethnicity:

Number of professing lay members by ethnic background:

White: 26,641

African American/Black: 2,685

Asian: 8,951

Latinx: 1,863

Native American: 235

Pacific Islander: 4,331

Multi-racial: 1,377

Worship attendance: 14,936 in person; 10,370 online

Size of conference staff:

Number of new congregations started this quadrennium:

F. Financial Status

At what rate are apportionments received?

Instead of apportionments we ask churches to tithe 10% of their operating income.

Here are dollar amounts:

2020: \$5,196,683

2021: \$5,486,379

2022: \$5,263,954 (94.7% of tithe computed from operating income)

2023: \$5,440,451 (93.5% of tithe computed from operating income)

2024: Income from the tithe is slightly ahead of last year at 6/15/24

At what rate are general/jurisdictional apportionments paid?

The annual conference has paid 100% of its general and jurisdictional apportionments for the past 7 years. We have paid the first quarter of GC and WJ apportionments so far in 2024.

What is the status of funding future pension obligations?

The Conference Board of Pensions has a significant surplus relative to the pre-82 obligations and other defined benefit plans. Its funding plan is public information and filed with Wespeth annually.

Are there important ministries your conference cannot do because of budget constraints? If so, please elaborate.

Reports

The Western Jurisdiction Leadership (WJLT) Team Report

The Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team (WJLT) aptly reflects the vision of our jurisdiction, as the WJLT is a place where we gather around a “table of reconciliation and transformation.” Borrowing from the theme of Jeremiah 18:1-7, we are seeking to be remade, reshaped, and reformed in the hands of the Potter. Since our inception in 2022, we have worked toward this goal in living out the vision and task of the WJLT, and we share some of our actions, learnings and hopes in this report.

As a transitional committee, with a brand new structure, make-up, job description, and even convener, it took some time to get us organized and running. Naturally, the tension between what was and what will be, created a sense of disorientation and challenged us to find clarity about the roles and tasks of the WJLT. In particular, this sense of disorientation, led the WJLT to create a Membership work groups that will explore the make-up of the WJLT and ensure that we have the appropriate bodies and entities represented, with appropriate powers, such as voice and vote. Part of this struggle is to name the power dynamics at play when the WJLT is primarily made up of representative members but lacks paid staff who are in a better position to carry out the tasks and work of the WJLT. Those learnings continue as we seek to fully live into the vision and purpose of the WJLT.

In addition to the Membership work groups, four other work groups were formed: communications, dedicated spaces for connection and wellness, witnessing at General Conference, and advancing equity in its shared ministries. The presence and support of the WJLT were clearly visible at the General Conference, as the WJLT was actively involved in supporting the work of the Western Jurisdiction delegation, by providing space for a daily evening briefing and strategy building.

The WJLT takes seriously its purpose to provide a space for connection and coordination. There is great momentum in building these relationships with WJ entities and initiatives, including Permeable Boundaries, Immigration and Border Ministries, Dismantling Racism, Disaffiliation, Finance and Budget. The WJLT mutually collaborates with the College of Bishops, the Committee on the Episcopacy, and the WJ Inter-Ethnic Coordinating Committee, among others.

Looking to the future, we are eager to join the rest of the denomination in living into our new reality as a denomination. How do we prepare ourselves to be able to receive the gifts of this new church, as well as the challenges of this new reality. The role of the WJLT to “engage in strategic planning, assess shared ministries, review emerging needs, propose actions, and provide resources for effective ministry” is critical in this season. The reality of regionalization, a shrinking episcopacy, shrinking membership and budget, among other things, requires a remaking, reshaping and reforming of the Western jurisdiction and beyond. We invite you to join us in leaning into the call to new possibilities, while at the same time stewarding the gifts handed to us from those who have done this work before us.

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Anna Cho and Monalisa Tu’itahi, Co-Chairs

Western Jurisdiction Inter-Ethnic Coordinating Committee 2022-2024

Ministry Highlights (Reported by the past chair, Fel Cao)

1. WJIECC was invited and represented by the chair, Fel Cao, at “The Call to Conversation and Action” held on March 30 and 31. Rev. Mary Huycke, Chairperson of the Committee on Episcopacy, had invited the Western Jurisdiction’s 1st Elected General Conference Delegates, Leadership Team, College of Bishops and Committee on Episcopacy to participate in this important conversation that led to the creation of the discernment process inviting a pool of candidates for the episcopal election at the 2022 Western Jurisdictional Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.
2. WJIECC hosted a “Meet and Greet the Episcopal Candidates” during its meeting at the WJC for the episcopal candidates at Christ UMC, Salt Lake City Utah on November 1, 2022. The “Meet and Greet the Episcopal Candidates” continued at a dinner hosted by IECC.
3. WJIECC submitted a report that was included in the Pre-Conference Handbook to assist jurisdictional conference delegates to discern which episcopal candidates demonstrate a level of competency needed to effectively lead our racially/ethnically diverse jurisdiction and conferences as we work toward an inclusive church. The IECC crafted questions offered insights into an episcopal candidate’s learnings, experience with racial/ethnic communities, and plans for how they will lead as a bishop. These questions were shared with episcopal candidates, and they were invited to respond to each question in no more than 300 words. This packet included all responses received from each of the 32 episcopal candidates. The report is available at the WJ website under the Conference Secretary section.
4. WJIECC made inquiries in 2023 following the adjournment of the 2022 WJC to meet to organize and elect officers following the amended rules that the co-chairs of the New Leadership Team will convene and preside over the election as it changed the previous rule for the representative from the College of Bishops to convene the first meeting of IECC.
5. Approved Funding Requests from BMCR, WJAACC and MARCHA West to be reported by the new chair.
6. WJIECC called to organizational meeting by the Lay Co-Chair, Monalisa Tuitahi on January 30, 2024 at First UMC-San Diego

New Officers: Joel Hortiales, Chair; Troy Carr, Vice-Chair; Vathanak Heang, Secretary

Report of the Western Jurisdiction Hispanic Ministry Council

Introduction:

The strategic focus of our council, in alignment with the overarching goals of the Western Jurisdiction, centers around four key areas of work: Planting New Hispanic/Latino Communities of Faith, Developing New Leaders (Clergy/Laity), Advocacy for Justice and Connectional Training. As we delve into our narrative, it is imperative to contextualize our initiatives against the backdrop of demographic shifts and community needs.

Demographic Context:

According to UCLA Latino Research Initiatives, the U.S. Latino population reached 62.5 million in 2021, constituting 19% of the nation's population, a significant increase from 13% in 2000. Furthermore, Latinos have been the largest contributors to U.S. population growth, accounting for 54% of the increase. Projections suggest that by 2060, the Latino population will soar to 111.2 million, representing 28% of the U.S. populace. The Western region stands out as one of the areas experiencing rapid growth in the Latino population.

Hispanic/Latino Population in the West accordingly USA Census 2020

- *Washington-1.1 M
- *California-15.6 M
- *Oregon-589,000
- *Idaho-240,000
- *Alaska-50,000
- *Hawaii-140,000
- *Arizona-2.2 M
- *Utah-493,000
- *Colorado-1.3 M
- *Wyoming-59,000
- *Montana-45,000
- *Nevada-891,000

Council Activities and Oversight:

The Western Jurisdiction Hispanic Ministry Council has convened annually to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the WJ Hispanic strategic direction. Our efforts have been multifaceted, ranging from strategic planning sessions to direct engagement with communities across the jurisdiction. Notable events include gatherings with young

adults during the Western Jurisdiction Conference 2022 and General Conference 2024, fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment within this demographic segment. Additionally, our council remains committed to providing resources for the Course of Study in Spanish that, is part of the achievements made after the Western Jurisdiction Conference 2012 approved the Hispanic /Latino Ministry Strategic Direction for the 2013-2016 quadrennium. The COSS has helped our beloved UMC to recognize the importance of linguistic accessibility in nurturing the Hispanic/Latino pastoral leadership pipeline. By facilitating access to theological education in Spanish, we empower aspiring clergy and lay leaders to serve their communities effectively.

Strategic Focus Areas:

Planting New Hispanic/Latino Faith Communities: In response to demographic trends, the WJ Hispanic Ministry Council is prioritizing initiatives aimed at establishing vibrant and inclusive Hispanic/Latino congregations. This involves strategic partnerships, resource allocation, and targeted outreach efforts to underserved areas within the jurisdiction. Our goal is to plant new Hispanic/Latino Faith Communities deeply grounded in a United Methodist identity that will welcome persons of Hispanic/Latino identity who are new arrivals, established residents, as well as from different socioeconomic, and generational groups. Diversity and inclusivity are high core values in our work. Every congregation in the WJ will continue to be encouraged and resourced to be an inclusive/hospitable-to-all church

Goals 2025-2028

Recommended new church starts in the WJ. We recognize that Bishops and their Cabinets are the missional strategists in their Conferences. These recommendations come from the demographic studies and experience of the WJ Hispanic Ministry Council over many years of service in this area, and a humble offer to assist Bishops and Cabinets in this critical work.

Alaska 2, Cal-Nev 5, Cal-Pac 5, Desert Southwest 5, Oregon/Idaho 5, Pacific Northwest 5 and Mountain Sky 5.

Step 1-Meet with Bishops, Cabinets, & other conference committees they would recommend the WJ Hispanic Ministry Council meet with to assist the planting and supporting of new Hispanic/Latino congregations in Conferences of the WJ.

Step 2- Work with the WJ Conference Church Developers to ensure planters and teams are receiving training, coaching, and support.

Step 3- With the collaboration of the WJ Conference Church Developers organize a WJ Hispanic/Latino Congregational Planting Leadership Summit to identify and monitor ongoing goals. Summit would be comprised of Bishops, Cabinet members, Church Developers, and the WJ Hispanic Ministry Council.

Step 4- Annually gather Hispanic/Latino church planters to share best practices across conference lines.

Step 5. Begin a conversation with leaders mentioned above about the need in some communities for multi-ethnic church planting.

Developing New Leaders (Clergy/Laity): Leadership development lies at the heart of our strategic agenda. Through mentorship programs, training sessions, and networking opportunities, we seek to equip a new generation of Hispanic/Latino clergy and lay leaders with the skills and resources needed to thrive in ministry. Our vision is that this cadre of leaders will be able to infuse our jurisdiction with a confidence that we can indeed effectively reach out to Hispanic/Latino persons with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Goals 2025-2028

Recommended goal is that teams of a clergy and a lay person from each WJ Conference would be trained. The teams would be selected by the Bishop and Cabinet.

Alaska: 4 teams, Cal-Nev 10 teams, Cal-Pac 10 teams, Desert Southwest 10 teams, Oregon/Idaho 10 teams, Pacific Northwest 10 teams and Mountain Sky 10 teams. These will be teams will be composed of 1 Clergy and 1 Lay person working together.

Step 1- Identify

Step 2- Recruit

Step 3- Train

Step 4- Deploy

Strategy: To develop a plan for the organizing of an Academy in the WJ that would train clergy and lay persons involved in helping grow Hispanic/Latino ministry in the Conferences of the Jurisdiction. Such an Academy would work in partnership with agencies that provide essential resources for such leadership development efforts such

as: The Plan Hispanic/Latino Ministry Modules, Encounters, Lay Servant and Certified Lay Minister courses and those of Path I.

To continue advocating among United Methodist Theological Schools to provide bilingual/bicultural Master's Degree programs and to recruit and provide scholarships that will enable Hispanic/Latino persons to enroll in such programs.

To work with Conference Boards of Ordained ministry to create programs that assist local churches and district committees on ordained ministry to identify, encourage and walk alongside Hispanic/Latino persons who are experiencing the call to ordained ministry. And to assure that bilingual/bicultural mentors are provided to Hispanic/Latino persons participating in the process towards ordination.

Advocating for Justice: As advocates for social justice, our council is actively engaged in addressing systemic inequities and advocating for the rights and dignity of Hispanic/Latine communities. This entails collaboration with external partners, grassroots mobilization, and policy advocacy at both local and national levels. Transform the world with the mercy and grace of Christ Jesus through advocacy/Justice in and through the Hispanic/Latine church and community.

Poverty, Immigration, Institutional & Personal Prejudice/Racism, Health Care, Housing, Lack of Access to Vital life Resources, Labor & Employment Concerns, Alliance Building with the Majority Church and other people of color, Community Organizing and Mapping to Empower, Gender Issues and Issues Related to Sexual Orientation.

Step 1- In collaboration with the GCORR and GBCS organize a jurisdiction-wide "Social Justice is a Spiritual Discipline Train the Trainer" event in the Spring of 2025.

Step 2- We will help to Annual Conferences establish an Immigration Law & Justice Network clinic or equivalent ministry where they do not already exist. We will help to reestablish our Western Jurisdiction Immigration Task Force to assist in the coordination of all our efforts related to immigration.

Step 3- We will work toward inclusivity for Hispanic/Latino LGBTQIA2S+ in the UMC with special emphasis on resourcing Hispanic/Latino churches to welcome these siblings.

Connectional Training: Provide financial and mentoring support for young Hispanic/Latino leaders to attend connectional gatherings such as general and jurisdictional conferences and general agency events specifically for young people. The WJ has a long history of sending teams of young people to such events with adult mentors. These efforts have lifted up a number of Hispanic/Latino leaders among us who are

now serving in leadership throughout the connectional UMC. Financial support has been key to these efforts. The WJ Hispanic Ministry Council has an established vetting system for providing small grants for these training opportunities.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the report on the impact and necessary work with the growing Hispanic/Latinx community within our Western Jurisdiction of the UMC underscores both the challenges and the immense opportunities before us. As we reflect on the findings presented, it becomes clear that our commitment to establishing Latino churches and communities throughout our Annual Conferences is not just a strategic imperative but a deeply rooted expression of our mission to embody God's inclusive love. The data presented reveals a significant demographic shift, highlighting both the diversity enriching our congregations and the need for targeted outreach and support. By continuing to cultivate and strengthen Latino churches and communities, we not only respond to the spiritual needs of our growing population but also enrich the entire fabric of our denomination with diverse perspectives, gifts, and talents.

Moreover, this report emphasizes that this work is not just about growth in numbers, but about fostering genuine inclusion and empowerment within our church family. It calls us to embrace the opportunity to learn, collaborate, and build bridges across cultural boundaries, thereby fulfilling our calling to be a witness of God's reconciling love in a world hungry for unity and justice. Moving forward, it is imperative that we heed the insights gleaned from this report, committing ourselves anew to supporting the establishment and sustainability of Latino churches and communities. By doing so, we honor our shared commitment to a church where all are welcomed, valued, and empowered to contribute fully to the Kingdom of God.

Let us therefore continue this journey with faith, compassion, and determination, trusting in God's guiding spirit as we strive to build a church that reflects the diversity and richness of God's creation.

Respectfully submitted,

WJ Hispanic Ministry Council

Rev. Cruz Edwin Santos- Chairperson

June 30, 2024.

Western Jurisdiction Plan for Indigenous Ministries

Presented by Western Jurisdiction Committee on Native American Ministries (WJCoNAM)

Part I: Introduction

History

In November 2022, in Salt Lake City, the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Native American Ministries (WJCoNAM) was established by the Western Jurisdiction. The WJCoNAM includes Indigenous leaders from each WJ Annual Conference, all the Western Jurisdiction Native American clergy, WJ AC CoNam Chairs and representatives, one director of connectional ministries, and one bishop. Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut, Dessert Southwest, is currently assigned. It is our intention to help shape the United Methodist Church in our relationships with Native American communities, both within and outside the United Methodist Church. We present here our recommended plan for Native American Ministries in the Western Jurisdiction.

The following plan is the concrete expression of the core values and priorities of the WJ CoNAM which stands on the shoulders of the WJ Native American Council, (our predecessors), and is created to stand in alignment with the UMC Native American Comprehensive Plan.

Purpose

Our Intention is to grow together and to walk into transformation. We desire the transformation of the greater church, where everyone prioritizes equity and justice. We long for right-relationship, (relationship that is equitable and just), between Indigenous Peoples and the UMC, and we believe the broader church joins us in this longing. The Spirit is calling us toward this vision of sacred family, consistent with Jesus' radical call as expressed in Luke chapter 4, where he calls for freedom for the oppressed and expresses this vision as good news.

We want to support Native Ministries and Indigenous Peoples, where healthy regional Native ministries are able to connect with the broader church in a way that is relational, equitable and just. The broader church must listen to the truthful experience of Native Americans, and participate in the joint work of decolonization, both in the church and in the world. This work is liberative not just for Native Americans, but for the entire church and all of creation. This is good news for all of us!

This plan supports and affirms the further development of WJCoNAM as a hub that connects Native Ministries, Indigenous leaders, and their communities, UMC leaders, the broader church, Annual Conferences, Annual Conference CoNAMs, and the laity.

Core values of WJCoNAM

Develop Native American leaders, current and new, laity and ordained;

strengthen Native American churches and building community relationships;

Maintain sustained vigilance on the status of Acts of Repentance through; partnering with The UMC in conducting its commitment to Native Peoples

Promote Native American Ministries Sunday through awareness-raising, promotion, and “putting faces on” Native American ministries;

Advocate for full inclusion without omission because our ethos is “we are all related;”

Ensure Native Americans have a “place at the table” for voice, decision-making, and representation at every level;

Amplify and multiply Native American voices;

Support educational institutions in creating opportunities that are relevant and accessible to Native American leaders;

Audit and visit every Native American ministry and Annual Conference CoNAM in the Jurisdiction.

Priorities

This plan will focus on four priorities:

Telling the truth, acknowledging harms that have been done, and so helping liberate us all, as we grow in equitable and just sibling relationships with Native American Peoples across the Western Jurisdiction.

Identify actions of repair and engage in these actions to enable healing, and to create the context for healthy relationships to form and flourish.

Consultation with Indigenous leaders about property and asset discernment.

Identify, develop, and resource Indigenous leaders in ministry to serve Indigenous focused churches and communities across the Western Jurisdiction.

Part II: Description and Assessment of Current Ministries

In the Western Jurisdiction, there are eighteen identified ministries. These western states total 1,443,964 square miles, or more than a third of the total area of the United States. These eighteen ministries have just twelve Indigenous people to lead them, with a combined capacity of 4.25 FTE. Four of these leaders are ordained elders, and

one is a licensed pastor. One ministry serves ten rural communities accessible only by airplane.

A larger investment in Indigenous leadership recruiting and development is needed. In the action section of this report, we have outlined a process for identifying and developing Indigenous leadership at the conference level.

A preliminary assessment of identified Native American focused ministries within the jurisdiction follows with a brief description. At the end of this section, a table shows a summary of the questions we asked of each ministry

Is there a Native leader?

What is the FTE capacity of that leader?

Is there a weekly worship/prayer service?

Is there outreach to the community?

Is there an active group/core team?

What are the needs?

Alaska Annual Conference

Juneau – Historically, there has been a partnership with a Presbyterian church. The family of Walter Soboleff, the first ordained Native person who planted a church in Juneau, worked for 20 years, providing a home base for the Tlingit people. In the 1960s, a White Church was planted .3 miles away from Walter’s church. Then, the Presbytery closed “his” church – and asked the Native people (Tlingit) to go to the bigger new church. Current Presbytery leadership have invited deep sharing, explaining in detail what they have done, taking responsibility, apologizing to the community and to Walter’s family, and acting – giving \$\$ in repair to Tlingit youth language program. There is a core team of Native people, a Tlingit Choir, and allies discerning what is next for Northern Lights United Church’s Native Ministry.

Nome – Community United Methodist is a small congregation led by an Indigenous leader, Bertha Koweluk, who is a licensed pastor. Bertha’s position is part-time. Services are held every Sunday. This congregation is multi-cultural and the dominant culture members may not be focusing on native ministry specifically. They do a tremendous amount of outreach.

Anchorage – Alaska Native HOPE (History of Oppression Project of Empowerment) Ministry in formation (501c3) –Rev. Murray Crookes, Native Alaskan, Ordained Elder – working on development, works part-time at Anchor Park United Methodist church as well. Native Hope has a small, weekly Sunday service. Needs continued support for program development, assistant, or administrator.

North Slope/Saint Lawrence Island Region – While this ministry is not a Methodist ministry, North Slope Inter-Generational Arctic Ministries reaches out to multiple rural/remote congregations via small aircraft. Indigenous leader, Charlie Brower is a retired Ordained Elder, serving 10 communities in the Presbyterian, Assembly of God, and Episcopal traditions. Charlie flies to rural communities, developing leaders that are not necessarily Methodist. This group is invested in raising up local Indigenous leadership that does not necessarily follow traditional paths to ordination. In terms of leadership development, being local takes precedence over becoming ordained. This community needs funding for travel, and for leadership development – particularly for this specific rural, Alaskan context.

Cal Nevada

Covelo, CA – Native American Certified Lay Minister Roy Pina continues to be the Spiritual Leader of Round Valley UMC in Covelo, California. Most recently two of his lay members have been participating in the Conference Lay Servant Ministry program as a means not only of equipping leadership locally but potentially for expanding the capacity of native leadership in our Conference.

Klamath, CA – There is currently no worshipping community meeting at the Church of the Redwoods in Klamath, California. We are in discernment about a restart of the congregation or the best future use of the property.

Shurz, NV – Native American local pastor Nathan Sam-Whistler was serving Shurz part-time until July 1, 2024, when he was given a full-time cross-cultural appointment to another church. The local circuit pastors are currently organizing pulpit supply for the Shurz congregation.

Cal Pacific Annual Conference

Anaheim – Native American United Methodist Church of South California, Native leader Rev. Gregory Douglass, Ordained Elder, identifies as a Cherokee descendant. This ministry's membership represents diverse tribes, nations and bands of Indigenous people and serves both the local Native and non-Native community.

Los Angeles - Native American Fellowship does not have a permanent place to gather.
- Rev. Gregory Douglas provides outreach and support to this community.

Desert Southwest Annual Conference

Ft. Yuma (Leader shared with Phoenix) – part time Indigenous pastor, Rev. Tweedy Sombrero (Ordained Elder, retired). Fort Yuma United Methodist Church is in the Quechan homeland and has deep ties with the Quechan nation. This church was originally a mission with two parsonages. The United Women in Faith (Formerly United Methodist Women) own one parsonage. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference owns the other. United Methodist Women gave some of their property to establish the headquarters of the Quechan tribe. Weekly worship and active outreach are happening.

Phoenix Native American United Methodist Fellowship. At the last visit in 2023, regular services were not being held coming out of Covid. A new leader (Rev. Tweedy Sombrero) is shared with Yuma. Phoenix NA is meeting again, holding weekly worship, and engaging in outreach to the Phoenix NA population.

Mountain Sky Annual Conference

Browning, MT –Browning United Methodist Church and BUMP (Blackfeet United Methodist Parish). BUMP is a cooperative parish, made up of the Browning United Methodist Church, Babb, and Heart Butte. Gayle Hoyte (Blackfeet) is the leader.

Cortez, CO – Native Grace Inter-Tribal Fellowship. Norman Mark is the Leader. They have a worshipping community and are engaged in outreach.

Sand Creek – Not a church, but an important working group continuing the relational and healing work.

Oregon Idaho Annual Conference

Portland, OR – Great Spirit is a thriving, but small congregation. Rev. Dr. Allen Buck is part time. While the congregation cannot pay for a full-time position, this congregation of 40-50 regular attenders and spearheads native ministry in the region. Great Spirit provides meals to community members twice each week, engages in outreach, provides hospitality by providing gathering space to Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Wellbriety, The NW Water Protectors, and many others.

Chiloquin, OR – The Stronghold is a culturally responsive, peer-support network serving Indigenous people in transition from treatment. This 501c3 has Indigenous leadership, including weekly Wellbriety (NA Recovery) meetings. There is a need for funding to respond to the needs in the community, including housing, responding to

trauma, domestic partner violence, and Indigenous people in transition from incarceration and drug rehab. The Stronghold is connected to the Great Spirit UMC.

Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

Lapwai, ID – The local UMC and PNW AC voted to close this church. Historically, there has been a strong relationship between the ministry and the Nez Perce Tribe. At one time there was an active team in relationship with the community, but the church leadership and Nez Perce elders in the community voted to close the church and are recommending church assets (land and buildings) be given to the Nez Perce tribe. Funerals are still held in this community. PNW leadership is working toward giving land back soon (Date not set, but in 2024).

Wilbur Memorial, White Swan, WA. This is a general church mission and property. At this time, there is no active congregation, and a caretaker resides on the premises in the parsonage. We are currently in conversation with Yakama leaders to help determine our relationship going forward. It is apparent that the Church's story and the Native community's story are quite different. PNW Leadership are working to build relationships, meeting with the Yakama community, and developing a process for land back or equitable compensation.

Nooksack, WA. This is a chartered church that was originally a mission. There are historic ties between the church and the Nooksack tribe. There was discussion of closing this church, but Nooksack community members asked to keep it open. There is a small core team, led by the property's caretaker, a Nooksack tribal member, working with PNW leadership to determine what this ministry might become.

Western Jurisdiction Native Ministries – Summary

Annual Conference	Location	Ministry	Indigenous leadership	Leader's capacity	Weekly service	Outreach to native community	Core team	Needs
Alaska	Juneau, AK	Juneau UMC	no	none	yes, integrated	yes	yes, elders and choir board	1.0 FTE native leader
	Nome, AK	Community United Methodist	yes, licensed local pastor	.50 FTE	yes	yes		1.0 FTE native leader
	Anchorage, AK	Alaska Native HOPE	yes, ordained elder	.50 FTE	yes	yes	yes	Program development, assistant or administrator
	Barrow	North Slope Inter-generational arctic ministries	yes, ordained elder, retired.		yes	yes	yes	Funding for travel and leadership development
Cal Pacific	Phoenix, AZ	Native American UM Fellowship	yes	.25	no	?	yes	Fulltime Native leadership
	Anaheim, CA	Native American UMC of South California	yes - Rev. Greg Douglas	.75	yes	yes	yes	Financial and development support
	Los Angeles, CA	NA Fellowship	yes	.25	no	yes	yes	Place to meet, development support
Cal Nevada	Covelo, CA	Round Valley UMC	Yes, Roy Pina	.50	yes	yes	yes	
	Klamath, CA	Klamath UMC of the Redwoods	none	no	no	no	no	Native Leadership Dev. Tribal relationship efforts
	Schurz, NV	Schurz UMC	yes- Rev. Nathan Sam-Whistler	.25	yes	yes	yes	Native leadership development and support
Desert Southwest Mountain Sky	Ft. Yuma, AZ	Ft Yuma UMC	yes	.25	yes	yes	yes	Full time Native leadership
	Browning, MT	BUMP	yes	?	yes	yes	?	?
	Cortez, CO	Native Grace Inter-Tribal Fellowship	yes	?	Yes	Yes	?	?
Oregon Idaho	Portland, OR	Great Spirit	yes, Ordained Elder	.50	yes	yes	yes	1.0 FTE ordained leader
	Chiloquin, OR	The Stronghold	Yes, not UMC	1.0 FTE	Yes, Wellbriety	yes	yes	Funding to respond to needs of the community
Pacific Northwest	Lapwai, ID	Lapwai UMC	no	none	no	no	no	Land Back Nez Perce
	White Swan, WA	Wilbur Memorial UMC	no	none	no	no	no	Truth and conciliation process
	Nooksack, WA	Nooksack	yes, lay leader	little	no, under development	no	yes, laity	At least .50 native leader

Part III: Actions

The WJCoNAM's intention is to guide and work with Annual Conferences in creating processes for land return, equitable compensation, and support for Native American leadership at all levels of the church's structure.

Action 1: Telling the Truth

Hebrews 4:12-13 - 12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints, and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

The church is called to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world. We are called to be instruments of truth and healing. This we do together.

We begin by seeking and telling the truth. WJCoNAM members together with UM agencies, conference leaders and/or local churches will explore the history, current contexts and appropriate steps that need to be taken in order to uncover and reveal broader and more truthful history, build relationships, and develop processes.

Leadership is already poised to begin this work in the Greater Northwest Area (Alaska, PNW, and OI). They will bring groups together in August in the Greater Northwest and support other Annual Conferences as they prepare for similar work. WJCoNAM will equip each CoNAM to help guide Annual Conferences in this work by offering consulting services, incubating learning about the truth and leaning into repair.

WJCoNAM will work with Annual Conference CONAMs and volunteers to formulate a 2-year plan (Research and Writing). An Invitation to the 3 Annual Conferences in the GNW was extended at their 2024 Annual Conferences and WJCoNAM will work with WJ Annual Conferences to help them organize by 2025.

We will further develop a published resource on Christian Nationalism, including how it impacts Christian Theology and Indigenous communities by the end of 2026 (Goal WJC 2026).

Action 2: Engaging in the Practice of Repair

In Acts 26:11-20, Paul testifies before King Agrippa. He explains that while he once adhered to the letter of the law but was called by Jesus to a way of repentance and healing. In the same way, we are calling on the Church to engage in a process of repair and healing.

The WJCoNAM will be free to secure and manage reliable funding streams that can help enable repair.

We call upon the Annual Conferences of the Western Jurisdiction to carry forward the Acts of Repentance and Healing (see the book of resolutions in 2012 Annual Conference “primacy be given to centering Indigenous leadership/establishment of Native ministry “and the study “giving our hearts away”). We understand that this process has not yet happened at every WJ Annual Conference. Authentic reflection on the harm done to Native Peoples has not occurred in some contexts. Annual Conferences that have not yet engaged in Acts of Repentance and Healing will be identified and with guidance from WJCONAM, do so by the end of their 2025 Annual Conference.

WJCoNAM will consult with each Annual Conference in the development of a plan, to be completed by the summer of 2026. We will follow up with each Annual Conference bishop and CoNAM leadership by the end of 2024.

Timeline: every Annual Conference will engage in a process of repair over the next 5 years, from 2024 through 2028, with a deadline of sharing progress to the WJCoNAM by 2026. The WJCoNAM will present Annual Conference plans for repair at WJC 2026. Many Annual Conferences can and should begin immediately. Repair may be/is happening concurrently with truth-telling research, though some will come after.

Action 3: Engaging in a Practice of Self-determination

(Galatians 5:1) It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Decolonization is centered in Indigenous Peoples’ relationship to land. Decolonization within the structures of the church must entail consultation with Native people about the land owned and operated by the church. At the current time, closed properties go to AC Trustees, and they decide what happens to it – they usually sell it and use it to develop new churches. These policies must change to support direct consultation with Indigenous people to determine how assets can be used in the liberative process of

decolonization with intentional recognition of how much of the land where churches are now situated was originally native land taken or allotted without native consent. Each property should be considered using the following criteria: (1) return to Indigenous control, (2) set aside for Indigenous use, or, if sold, (3) a portion of proceeds are earmarked for Native Ministries.

We recommend that each Annual Conference within the Western Jurisdiction will engage in consultation with their local CoNAM every time a property is to be sold (this is already a priority for the church – see the book of resolutions, paragraph 3321). We further recommend that for every property that is sold and not returned to Indigenous Peoples or set aside for Native use, that at minimum, a 10% reparations payment will be made to local CoNAMs or the WJCoNAM for Native Ministries or Indigenous Ministries. We recommend that WJ Annual Conferences adjust their policies and practices to embrace this priority.

Action 4: Leadership Development

(Luke 5: 2-11) 2 Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishers had gone ashore and were washing their nets. 3 Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, “Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch.” 5 Simon replied, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I’ll drop the nets.” 6 So they dropped the nets, and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. 7 They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Leave me, Lord, for I’m a sinner!” 9 Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. 10 James and John, Zebedee’s sons, were Simon’s partners and they were amazed too. Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people.” 11 As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Identifying leadership entails meeting people where they are, not seeking the “most qualified,” but rather seeking those who are called and gifted to serve Native American ministries and do outreach within Native communities. Community leaders may look different from leaders the church has traditionally sought. This is healthy and appropriate.

WJCoNAM recommends there be an Indigenous leader in each Native American church. This intention must be institutionalized.

It is unjust to expect Indigenous community leaders to work part-time or else to volunteer indefinitely. We recommend every Annual Conference will develop two Indigenous leaders by the end of 2028. Salary/financial compensation parity must also be institutionalized. Leaders must have assurance of parity for work in their ministries and the possibility of career development, as well as the opportunity to become vested in the retirement plans offered within their respective Annual Conference.

WJCoNAM is available to consult with Annual Conferences in the development, recruitment, and training of Indigenous leaders. We will assist Annual Conferences in developing an Indigenous Leadership development plan. This plan will be shared at each Annual Conference 2026 so that WJCoNAM can share these plans by Jurisdictional Conference 2026. We will follow up with each Annual Conference bishop and CoNAM leadership by the end of 2024 to see where and how WJCoNAM could assist them.

The generally accepted standard for an Indigenous leader is a citizen of a federally recognized tribe. This standard is evolving, and each context is different. Therefore, each Annual Conference, in consultation with their CoNAM and local Native Leadership, will be empowered to determine who is a Native leader in its context. We are asking for help identifying and mentoring Indigenous leaders – please help us embrace this goal.

Part IV - Roles, Timeline, Assessment and Budget

Roles and Responsibilities

Each Annual Conference will implement this plan, according to their own context and with supervision and support of its CoNAM.

The Western Jurisdiction Committee on Native American Ministries (WJCoNAM) will provide consultation, resources, and support to Annual Conferences and CoNAMs as they engage in this work. Annual Conferences will work with their CoNAMs to consult with the WJCoNAM for resourcing, consultation, and support, which may include a

consulting fee to provide for travel and staff capacity used to engage in consultation activities. We recommend each Annual Conference to plan to help resource the WJCoNAM with approximately \$5,000 per year with the expectation of receiving consultation and support from the WJCoNAM.

It is further recommended conferences refer to the Native American International Caucus website and use the resource “Welcome vs. Land Acknowledgement” and or the Circle of Indigenous Ministries Resource as a guideline to connecting and working with local Indigenous communities and leaders.

Timeline 2024-2034

This is a ten-year plan, to commence in 2024 and conclude in 2034. We encourage check-in before each Jurisdictional meeting, so WJCoNAM leadership will have an opportunity to share reflections on the direction of the work.

Each Annual Conference will engage in truth telling from 2024-2026. At the end of this period, each Annual Conference will provide a written report to the WJCoNAM.

Each Annual Conference will create a detailed plan for reparative actions. This plan will be presented to each Annual Conference in time for each Jurisdictional Conference. Each Annual Conference should have a plan to present to Annual Conferences by Summer 2026. This work could commence before this date but must be in place at least by Summer 2026.

By 2030, there should be at least one active Native American leader in each Native American ministry. To this end, Annual Conferences are encouraged to begin identifying, raising up and equipping Indigenous leaders immediately, in an ongoing and committed way that prioritizes the development of at least one new Indigenous leader every two years. To this end, the WJCoNAM leadership will check in with each conference every two years. Each Annual Conference will work with its local CoNAM to help recruit and develop Indigenous leaders. We will report on the state of Indigenous leaders in the Western Jurisdiction at each Western Jurisdictional Conference.

Each Annual Conference is encouraged to update/create policy regarding asset review. Income generated for repair should share profits generated by the sale of land assets with local CoNAMs, or to go toward Indigenous development. These funds will fund Indigenous programs, priorities, leadership, and leaders. In addition, we recommend each Annual Conference adopt policies and procedures that share a least 10% of the

sales of ALL assets, which will be set aside to develop Native American leadership and programs.

Each conference CoNAM will walk with its Annual Conference in the creation of all reports and activities related to the execution of this plan. The WJCoNAM will check in with each CoNAM and Annual Conference Bishop or designee annually.

Recommended support

This budget describes the first four years of activities. We will assess and/or create a budget every two years.

Western Jurisdiction Plan for Indigenous Ministries Budget					
		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Truth telling					
	WJC consulting 24-26 -- This work resources the training (2 5-hour virtual trainings), research, story telling, writing and relational work in Annual Conferences across the Western Jurisdiction. Part time admin support plus capacity to guide and resource annual conferences is included, providing capacity to support the work.	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
	Office machines, supplies and technology	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Annual event WJCoNAM	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Self-determination					
	WJCoNAM to consult on assets and properties as they relate to contextual relational work with Native Americans	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Repair plans					
	Helping each annual conference to develop their plan, providing coaching in relational work with Native People and Tribes. WJC consulting 27-29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Leadership development					
	Western Jurisdiction training and coaching provided to Annual Conferences in identifying and developing Indigenous staff.	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Total		\$127,500.00	\$127,500.00	\$127,500.00	\$127,500.00
Funding Sources					
	Western Jurisdiction	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
	General Church	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
	Annual conference Conams	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00	\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00
	Fundraising	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Total		\$127,500.00	\$127,500.00	\$117,500.00	\$117,500.00

Benchmarks

truth-telling work products, including essays, blog posts, research papers, videos, public presentations, etc. The WJCoNAM will curate these work products on a WJCoNAM website, to be created by 2026 with the capacity requested in this plan.

We recommend that Annual Conferences in consultation with conference CoNAMs have a consultation procedure concerning property assets that are in transition or discerning closure. This procedure should define the percentage of sale price transferred to Indigenous Ministries for properties that are not set to be returned to Indigenous Peoples. Timeline goal Summer 2024-Summer 2026.

We recommend that each Annual Conference develop a plan for identification and mentorship of Indigenous leaders to be in place by Summer 2026 and at least two new Indigenous leaders by 2034. Our shared goal is to grow Indigenous Ministries in the Western Jurisdiction. planning beyond the ministries currently in place and supporting local community leaders who have a vision and energy for developing emerging Indigenous ministries. every three years each Annual Conference should have identified and developed a new Indigenous leader. A plan for identification and mentorship of Indigenous leaders should be in place by Summer 2026.

Assessment

WJCoNAM will be working with Annual Conferences CoNAMs, Indigenous Ministries, and Bishops or their designees. An annual review to assess benchmarks progress will be reported at the Jurisdictional Conference and shared with the appropriate General Church agencies.

Legislation for 2024 Western Jurisdictional Conference

From WJCoNAM, drafted 10/29/2022

Subject: Affirm and support the implementation of the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Native American Ministries (WJCoNAM) Plan for Indigenous Ministries.

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Allen Buck, Outgoing Chair, WJCoNAM, Rev. Murray Crookes, Incoming Chair, WJCoNAM

Conference Organizations: WJ AC CoNAM(s), Alaska Native Ministries, GNW Circle of Indigenous Ministries, Native American International Caucus, Native American Comprehensive Plan.

Petitioner: Western Jurisdiction Committee on Native American Ministries (WJCoNAM)

Estimated WJ Fiscal Impact: \$100,000 for 2025-28 (Budgeted \$25,000 per year)

Whereas, the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Native American Ministries (WJCoNAM) had its first meeting in 2018 and was officially established by the Western Jurisdiction in 2022.

Whereas, WJCoNAM has been empowered to create a plan for Indigenous Ministries

Whereas, WJCoNAM is becoming a leading support network for Native American and Alaskan Native Ministries throughout the Western Jurisdiction.

Whereas, WJCoNAM is a growing connectional hub for the general church, WJ AC CoNAMs, Tribes, Native American United Methodist Churches, and Leaders.

Whereas, WJCoNAM has affirmed shared core values and priorities across Annual Conferences:

Developing Native American leaders, current and new, laity and ordained

Strengthening Native American churches and building community relationships

Maintaining sustained vigilance on the status of Acts of Repentance through partnering with The UMC in conducting its commitment to Native Peoples

Promoting Native American Ministries Sunday through awareness-raising, promotion, and “putting faces on” Native American ministries

Advocating for full inclusion without omission because our ethos is “we are all related”

Ensuring Native Americans have a “place at the table” for voice, decision-making, and representation at every level

Amplifying and multiplying Native American voices

Supporting educational institutions in creating opportunities that are relevant and accessible to Native American leaders.

Auditing and visiting every Native American ministry in the Jurisdiction.

Whereas, the General Conference and Western Jurisdictional Conference have supported Native American Ministries through the Acts of Repentance in 2012.

Whereas, the 2016 Western Jurisdictional Conference supported the "Call Toward Healing Relationships with Indigenous Peoples" (2016 WJ Journal p.137).

Whereas, the WJ now has the beginnings of an organization, led by Native Americans, to help prioritize development and guide implementation of a Native American Ministry Plan.

Whereas, WJCoNAM presented the WJCoNAM plan to the WJ ...

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2024 Western Jurisdictional Conference formally adopt the WJ Plan for Indigenous Ministries and allocate \$100,000 (2025-2028) for it to help the WJ Annual Conferences implement the Jurisdictional Native American Ministry Plan.

Worship Resources

Opening Worship

SONGS

Gather Us In (vss. 1-2, 4)¹

FWS 2236

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in—the lost and forsaken,
gather us in—the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young—our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old—who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in—the lost and forsaken,
gather us in—the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven lightyears away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us and make us your own;
gather us in—all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Canto de Esperanza (Song of Hope)²

FWS 2186

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

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² Argentine folk melody. English trans. Alvin Schutmaat.

Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

¡Dios de la_esperanza, danos gozo_y paz!
Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.
Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz,
luz y esperanza en la_oscuridad.
Oremos por la paz,
cantemos de tu_amor.
Luchemos por la paz,
fieles a ti, Señor.

Welcome³

W&S 3152

Let's walk together for a while
and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow
and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing
and to plant the seeds of peace,

Singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.

Let's talk together for a time
when we will share a feast,
where pride and power kneel to serve
to lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table
as we join our hands to pray,

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'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.

Let's dream together of the day
when earth and heaven are one,

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a city built of love and light,
the new Jerusalem,
where our mourning turns to dancing,
every creature lifts its voice,

Crying welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joe Kin

Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God,
The LORD and no other.
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart.
We shall love with all our hearts.
You shall love the LORD your God with all your soul.
We shall love with all our souls.
You shall love the LORD your God with all your strength.
We shall love with all our strength.
We are called together in this place
to be the church that sets no limits on love.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Conference Secretary

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SONG

They'll Know We Are Christians (vss. 1-3)⁴

FWS 2223

We are one in the Sprit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

⁴ Peter Scholtes, © 1966 F.E.L. Publications, assigned to The Lorenz Corp., 1991.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

PRAYER

Emily Allen

May Wisdom's long-lasting blessings be upon us.
Keep us from short-sightedness and the ease of the crowded road.
For narrow is the way and full is the heart on the path of your blessing.
Keep us on the path as we begin our work for it is in the name of Christ, Love Incarnate, we pray.
Amen.

For your plans and their fulfilment, for your promises and their unfolding: Christ be before us. In
the problems that beset us and the perils that ensnare us: Christ be within us.

**All: Be around us, above us and beneath us.
On your path, O God, and not our own,
Be all our journeying.
Rule our hearts that they may be only yours. Amen.**

SONG

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall⁵

W&S 3122

Christ has broken down the wall,
Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one,
Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are,
we're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled,
we're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears,
cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here;
cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls!

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We will tear down every wall!
God has called us, one and all;
Christ has broken down the wall!

SPEECH CHOIR

1 John 4:7-21

Anna Cho, Monalisa Tuitahi, Allison Mark, Javier Olivares

READING

Matthew 5:43-48

Nico Reijns

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Bp. Minerva Carcaño

Thursday Morning Devotion

GREETING

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Allen Buck

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SONG

All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing

UMH 62

All creatures of our God, now sing
lift up your voice and with us sing,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise ye, O praise ye!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of ev'ning, find a voice,
O praise ye, O praise ye!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness;
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise Creator, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
O praise ye, O praise ye!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

⁶CALL TO WORSHIP

Daryl Blanksma

When the way is difficult and dangerous,

let us still choose what is good and just.

When evil comes to break us down and break us apart,

let us still choose to carry on with each other.

When power from on high strikes fear in our hearts,

let us still choose the courage to persist.

For we know that the love and power of God, which abides in us, will not be overcome.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 55

Troy Lynn Carr

****Responsive Psalm interspersed with “Standing in the Need of Prayer”**

Verse 1 Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,

Standin' in the need of prayer;

not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,

Standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O Lord,

Standin' in the need of prayer;

It's me, it's me, O Lord,

Standin' in the need of prayer.

*1 Give ear to my prayer, O God;
do not hide yourself from my supplication.*

*2 Attend to me, and answer me;
I am troubled in my complaint.*

*I am distraught ³by the noise of the enemy,
because of the clamor of the wicked.*

*For they bring trouble upon me,
and in anger they cherish enmity against me.*

Verse 2 Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,

Standin' in the need of prayer

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,

Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

*4 My heart is in anguish within me,
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.*

*5 Fear and trembling come upon me,
and horror overwhelms me.*

*6 And I say, 'O that I had wings like a dove!
I would fly away and be at rest;*

*7 truly, I would flee far away;
I would lodge in the wilderness;*

⁶ enfleshed liturgy

Selah

*8 I would hurry to find a shelter for myself
from the raging wind and tempest.'*

*9 Confuse, O Lord, confound their speech;
for I see violence and strife in the city.*

*10 Day and night they go around it
on its walls,
and iniquity and trouble are within it;*

*11 ruin is in its midst;
oppression and fraud
do not depart from its market-place.*

**3 Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]**

*12 It is not enemies who taunt me—
I could bear that;
it is not adversaries who deal insolently with me—
I could hide from them.*

*13 But it is you, my equal,
my companion, my familiar friend,
14 with whom I kept pleasant company;
we walked in the house of God with the throng.*

*15 Let death come upon them;
let them go down alive to Sheol;
for evil is in their homes and in their hearts.*

**4 Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]**

*16 But I call upon God,
and the Lord will save me.
17 Evening and morning and at noon
I utter my complaint and moan,
and he will hear my voice.*

One Refrain:

**It's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.**

Worship leader: *Emily P. Freeman, says, “When uncertainty permeates the moment, whether because of a devastating national or personal tragedy or you’re in a season of waiting or doubt, a regular practice of praying familiar words could serve as a comfort and even be considered a radical act of faith.” So we will read this prayer from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a person of faith from another time and place, whose wisdom and faith guides us today.*

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—
and that it may take a very long time.

...
Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that God’s hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.⁷

When have you felt impatience in our time together so far?
What things would you like to skip over?
(Share these in pairs at your table.)

⁸PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Nica Sy

Emmanuel, where are you? You seem absent to us. Can you not rescue and deliver the people of Gaza? We hold on to our faith that you are co-suffering with every person in Gaza and you are truly Emmanuel. Lord, as we lament to you, help us discern and hear your voice. Give us faith, O Lord.

Lord in your mercy... **hear our prayer**

• God of justice, we remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah “Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees” (Isaiah 10:1). Lord, as the system views us as sub-human, we ask you to remind us that our humanity cannot be taken away by the oppressor. Lord, give us wisdom to know how most effective we can be in struggling against our oppression, and deliver us from the temptation of overcoming evil with evil.

Lord in your mercy... **hear our prayer**

God of justice, we confess to you
that we have not loved you with our whole heart,
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

⁷ Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ excerpted from *Hearts on Fire*

⁸ Adapted Wave of Prayer by Sabeel

We have hoarded our good things.
We have closed our eyes to the poor at our gate.

We have been hungry for power and possessions.
We have lost our appetite for your justice.

We have sung of peace when there is no peace.
We have not cried out for those who are silenced in their suffering.
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Hold silence

Beloveds, God does not abandon us to the systems that destroy.
God does not bind us to our regrets or forever hold us to what we once believed.
God says, come and follow!
Experience forgiveness.
Love abounds. And Justice shall be manifest!
Wherever new life is desired, may the peace of Christ be welcomed among us.
Thanks be to God who leads us on paths of resurrection.

SONG

All creatures of our God, now sing! lift up your voices; let them ring.
Fill the earth with lamentation!
Cry out abuses of our pow'r;
tell what we lose with every hour
to our greed and depredation.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy!

All creatures winging in the air,
cry out the failures of our care.
Fill the sky with lamentation!
Shout through the clouds of smoke and ash,
choked with the fumes of poison gas, tell us of our degradation.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy!

All creatures hidden in the seas,
lift up your anguished prayers and pleas.
Fill the sea with lamentation!
Teach us to see your wonders now. Help us to make a holy vow
here to halt your devastation.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy!

All creatures dwelling on the land, join as we lift each heart and hand.
Fill the world with lamentation!
Mourn the Destruction Of Our Home;
weep with the fear of worse to come.
Hear the groans of all creation:
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy!

Worship Resources for WJ Morning Devotions compiled by Shalom Agtarap

Liturgies by enfleshed: <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy-library/>

Call to Worship

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let us still choose what is good and just.

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For we know that the love and power of God, which abides in us, will not be overcome.

1 Corinthians 12:4-26 <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy/scriptureremixes/>

Climate Justice songs by The Porter's Gate: <https://umcreationjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/702/2022/08/WORSHIP-GUIDE-CLIMATE-VIGIL-SONGS.pdf>

Patient Prayer by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin:

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/prayer-of-theilhard-de-chardin/>

Spotify Playlist: Inspiration for WJ 2024

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3H9c2yZoZgpTwWDKETixft?si=43fc6e8037fe4026>



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Leader Edition

ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+GREETING

Bennie Grace Nabua

God who sees our suffering, knows our burdens, and counts our tears is present among us.

We long to feel the power of resurrection. We are hungry for the bread of life.

God calls us to gather around Christ's table of reconciliation and transformation.

May the Spirit inspire and equip us for love without limits.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand⁹

UMH 474

In all processions, bishops enter last following the Episcopal banner. Bishops line up with the first having the least seniority, including retirees, and the last having the most seniority, with the exception that the presiding bishop enters last.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

+PRAYER

Jasper Peters

The Holy One be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Give to us now your grace, that as we shrink before the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in you, and that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

⁹ Thomas A. Dorsey, Unichappell Music. OneLicense #264573.

PROCLAMATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:28–31

Jeffrey Kuan
(Read in Hebrew)²⁸ *Have you not known? Have you not heard?**The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.**He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.*²⁹ *He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.*³⁰ *Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,*³¹ *but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.*

PSALM

Psalm 23

Allison Mark

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,
leads me beside still waters, restores my life,
leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.GLORIA²

E.II.2

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7–20

Larry Hygh

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.**¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.**God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached*¹⁰ David D. M. King, *Eucharistoumen: A Collection of Service Music*, © 2022. Used by permission.

perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love^a because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia¹¹

FWS 2078

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia alleluia. El Señor resucitó.

+GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9–17

Kay Barckley

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

+GOSPEL RESPONSE

Alleluia³

FWS 2078

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia alleluia. Now the Lord is ris'n indeed.

SERMON

Bp. Karen Oliveto

RESPONSE

+HYMN

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God¹²

UMH 712

I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake
the whole of their good lives long.

¹¹ Traditional Honduran.

¹² Words by Lesbia Scott, music by John H. Hopkins, Jr. OneLicense #8184.

And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,
in the church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.

REMEMBERING OUR HONORED DEAD

Bp. Warner H. Brown

God of us all, your love never ends. When all else fails, you still are God. We pray to you for one another in our need, and for all, anywhere, who mourn with us this day. To those who doubt, give light; to those who are weak, strength; to all who have sinned, mercy; to all who sorrow, your peace. Keep true in us the love with which we hold one another. In all our ways we trust you.

We remember this night those who have lived and loved and served among your people:
Pause between each name as a candle is lit.

Bishop Melvin Talbert
Bishop Calvin D. McConnell

Velma McConnell

Rev. M. Guadalupe "Lupita" Alonso-Redondo
Richard Marsh
Vernon (Jim) La Bau
Thomas (Tom) Wogaman
Rev. Paul Jennings Beemer
Rev. Bill (Wilfred) Leeroy Johnson
Robert (Bob) Meyers
Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend these, your servants. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints of light.

God of love, we thank you for all with which you have blessed us even to this day: for the gift of joy in days of health and strength and for the gifts of your abiding presence and promise in days of pain and grief. We praise you for home and friends, and for our baptism and place in your Church with all who have faithfully lived and died. Above all else we thank you for Jesus, who knew our griefs, who died our death and rose for our sake. **Amen.**

OFFERING

Shalom Ministries

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

E.II.5

OFFERTORY PRAYER¹³

**We present these gifts, O God, in the confidence that healing, hope, and wholeness will flourish through them and because of them.
Amen.**



HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bp. Roy Isao Sano

E.II.6

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David,

God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph,

God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and fathers,

God of our children to all generations.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

¹³ Herb Mather, #107 in *Worship and Song*, Leader's Edition, © 2002 General Board of Discipleship. Used by permission.

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you now...

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER²

E.II.7

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion will be served the College of Bishops in the corners of the room. Approach a station by the side aisle and return by the side center aisle.

AGNUS DEI²

E.II.8

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Come to the Table of Grace¹⁴
Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is Christ’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

W&S 3168

2. Come to the table of peace...

3. Come to the table of love...

¹⁴ Barbara Hamm, “Come to the Table of Grace,” Hope Publishing, 2008. OneLicense #97461

4. Come to the table of joy...

Let Us Break Bread Together¹⁵

UMH 618

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

2. Let us drink wine together...

3. Let us praise God together...

4. Let us praise God together...

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Bp. Roy Isao Sano

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us and united us with all your saints in the cosmic Body of Christ. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

+BENEDICTION

Bp. Karen Oliveto

+DISMISSAL

Kay Barckley

Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.
We are sent in Christ's love. Thanks be to God!

+RECESSIONAL HYMN

Soon and Very Soon¹⁶

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In any recession, bishops exit first in the reverse order listed above, following the acolytes, the cross and the Episcopal banner. The bishop, or bishops, carrying the crosier should hold it at an angle leaning slightly forward (about a foot off the floor) in the right hand with the thumb to the rear perpendicular to the body.

1. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

2. No more dying there...

3. No more crying there...

POSTLUDE

¹⁵ African American Spiritual.

¹⁶ Andraé Crouch, © 1978 Communiqué Music, Inc. & Crouch Music Corp.

WORSHIP TEAM

Celebrant	Bp. Roy Isao Sano
Preacher	Bp. Karen Oliveto
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	Bp. Mary Ann Swenson
	Bp. Warner H. Brown
	Bp. Minerva G. Carcaño
	Bp. Grant J. Hagiya
	Bp. Elaine W. Stanovsky
	Bp. Karen Oliveto
	Bp. Carlo Axibal Rapanut
	Bp. Cedrick Bridgeforth
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Acolytes	Micah Bolkan
	Naomi Bolkan
Readers	Bennie Grace Nabua
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	Jeffrey Kuan
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Cantor	Elizabeth Schindler
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Friday Morning Devotion

Piano: Rev. Theon L. Johnson III

Readers: Ric Shewell, Katharine Henry, Lisa Ann Talbot, Dione Taylor

Singers: Dave Troescher, Shalom Agtarap

GREETING

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Ric Shewell

We gather and rest this week on the traditional lands of the Spokane Tribe of Indians, one of the Inland Salish speaking tribes. The people of the Spokane Tribe have persevered through loss of land, forced relocation, and loss of their economic and spiritual base (the salmon). They are resilient, and they are thriving here today.

We also go beyond acknowledgment to commitment; going beyond words on a screen to embodied acts of repair. As the Western Jurisdiction, we do this through resourcing Native and Indigenous-led groups, like the Circle of Indigenous Ministries, and support acts of land return when determined to be in the best interest by the indigenous community of that land. We commit to this because the way

of Love requires building relationships based on trust, consistency, and accountability with Indigenous peoples.

SONG

God, With Joy We Look Around Us

God, with joy we look around us
At your world's diversity.
Folk of every kind surround us
And you call your church to see:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

In the times we've hurt each other,
Lord, we've hurt the ones you bless.
Hating sister, cursing brother,
We've denied what you express:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

God, you sent a Savior to us,
Breaking walls that would divide.
By your Spirit, now work through us
As we witness side by side:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!¹⁷

¹⁷ Carolyn Winfrey Gillette adapted hymn of REGENT SQUARE "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Katharine Henry

One: Listen! Listen for the voice of God, naming us all: Holy. Beloved. Cherished. Valued.

All: We believe you delight in us!

One: Make us people who recognize and proclaim your beauty and goodness in unexpected places.

All: Surprise us. Challenge us. Transform us.

One: We trust in you, Holy One, to reveal to us the sacredness of every life, of every way of being, of every physical manifestation of your Spirit.

All: May it be so!¹⁸

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 36:5-10

Lisa Ann Talbot

One: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

All: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

One: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

One: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

¹⁸ Liturgy from enfleshed

Dione: Though we bring different gifts, it is the same Spirit who makes them alive in us. There are so many ways to serve the call of Love. None of us are without something to bring to the work of the common good.

Ric: To one, the Spirit gives discerning wisdom
and to another, the strength to weep for all that is being lost,
to another, an unshakable belief in the potential of transformation,
to another, a soft presence that holds space for healing,
to another, a fire that inspires and compels,
to another, the courage to name and unveil,
to another, humor that upholds us,
to another, a curiosity that bridges,
to another still, the gift for telling stories – ancient, fresh, intimate, and collective.

Katharine: For just as the body is one and has many members,
and just as all the members of the body, though many, are one body,
so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – we are different in culture, social location, backgrounds, bodies, and beliefs – but we were all made to drink of one Spirit who calls us to collapse power-over among us.

Our baptism does not condone hierarchies. It calls upon us to bring about the dreams of God on earth – where all is held in rightful balance, none oppressed or confined, and all with access to what is needed to flourish.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one part but of many. If the artist would say, “because I am not a bridge-builder, I do not belong to the work of the common good,” that would not make them any less needed. And if the one who bears witness and holds stories would say, “because I am not a dynamic speaker, I do not belong to the work of the common good,” that would not make them any less needed.

Ric: If the whole body were listeners, where would the ones who tell the truth be? If the only ones who are valued in the work of Love are those with money to give, who will be the ones to practice civil disobedience for us when evil will not budge? Who will teach our children in the ways of justice and compassion? Who will nourish our bodies – feed us, offer us touch, tend to our wounds? Who will provide us with music, that our labor may be accompanied with dancing? Will we find laughter anywhere, to sustain our spirits?

Each of us are needed and each of us have offerings to bring. If we were all the same, what could we achieve? How would we survive? What a dull endeavor this would be.

The business person cannot say to the activist, I have no need of you.

Nor can the doctor say to the poet, I need you not.

¹⁹ Liturgy from enfleshed by Jade M. Kaiser

Dione: On the contrary, the members of the body that society deems least significant are those most needed. We respect the disrespected. We recognize the value of the quiet ones, the strange ones, the misunderstood, misrepresented, and under-resourced ones. We lift them up and honor them, that the whole body might thrive.

If any of us suffer, we all suffer.

If any of us have cause to rejoice, we all celebrate.²⁰

Ric asks the questions: **What gifts are present in this body of the WJ? What have we already witnessed? How has Christ's diverse body already blessed our time? (Share for 2-3 minutes)**

CLOSING SONG Hallelujah (Come on and Bless the Lord with me)

Come on and bless the Lord with me x3

Chorus

Hal - le - lu - jah! x3

Come on and clap your hands with me x3

Chorus

Hal - le - lu - jah! x3

Come on and dance before the Lord X3

Chorus

Hal - le - lu - jah! x3

²⁰ Jade M Kaiser for enfleshed liturgy



LOVE 2024 Western Jurisdictional Conference **WITHOUT LIMITS**

The United Methodist Church **Consecration of Bishops**

10:30 am, Saturday, July 13th, 2024
Spokane, Washington

Leader Edition

BISHOP KRISTIN G. STONEKING
BISHOP SANDRA K. OLEWINE



ENTRANCE

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Covenant UMC Marimba Band

WELCOME

Shalom Agtarap

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN Christ Has Broken Down the Wall²¹

W&S 3122

The procession proceeds thus: 1) readers and other worship speakers, 2) the episcopal banner 3) newly elected bishops in reverse order of election, 4) bishops from other denominations, 5) bishops in reverse order of seniority, both active and retired, 6) Bp. Escobedo-Frank, as presiding bishop for the service.

Christ has broken down the wall, Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one, Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are, we're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled, we're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears. Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall!
God has called us, one and all; Christ has broken down the wall!

+GREETING AND PRAYER

BISHOP ESCOBEDO-FRANK:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

The Creator of heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, by your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts.**

**Give your grace to all servants of your Church,
that we may with diligence and faithfulness
fulfill our various ministries.**

**Grant that we your people may follow where you lead
and live in joyful obedience to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

²¹ Mark A Miller, "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall," Choristers Guild, 2011. OneLicense #CGA1224.

PRESENTATION

Bishops Escobedo-Frank, Rapanut, and Bridgeforth stand before the altar. An elder and a layperson, from the lecture, introduce each bishop-elect. They stand as their name is read and continue standing.

An elder and lay delegate of the California-Nevada Conference:

Bishops,
we present to you Kristin G. Stoneking,
an elder in the Church,
to be consecrated a bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ.

An elder and lay delegate of the California-Pacific Conference:

Bishops,
we present to you Sandra K. Olewine
an elder in the Church,
to be consecrated a bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ.

BISHOP RAPANUT:

People of God,
Kristin Stoneking and Sandra Olewine are, by God's grace, to be consecrated bishops in the church.
They have been duly elected to this ministry. We ask you to declare your assent.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace, to be consecrated bishops?

We do! Thanks be to God!

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

With God's help, we will!

SALUTATION AND PRAYER

BISHOP BRIDGEFORTH:

The Scriptures tell us that our Savior Jesus Christ spent the whole night in prayer before he chose and sent forth twelve apostles. The apostles also prayed before they appointed Matthias to be one of their number. Let us offer our prayers to almighty God before Kristin Stoneking and Sandra Olewine are consecrated for the work to which the Holy Spirit has called them.

The Holy One be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

—*silence*—

BISHOP ESCOBEDO-FRANK:

Almighty God, giver of all good things, by the Holy Spirit you have appointed a diversity of ministries in your church. Look in mercy upon these your servants, now to be set apart for the ministry of bishop, so replenish them with holiness of life, and fill them with the power of your Holy Spirit, that both by word and by deed, they may serve you faithfully and joyously, to the glory of your name and the building up of your church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The bishops and bishops-elect return to their seats.

PROCLAMATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1–3a

Bennie Grace Nabua

*But now thus says the Lord,**he who created you, O Jacob,**he who formed you, O Israel:**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;**I have called you by name; you are mine.*² *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,**and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;**when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,**and the flame shall not consume you.*³ *For I am the Lord your God,**the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

PSALM

Salmo 100

Cruz Edwin Santos

Cantad alegres a Dios, habitantes de toda la tierra

Servid a Jehová con alegría;**Venid ante su presencia con regocijo.**

Reconoced que Jehová es Dios;

él nos hizo y no nosotros**a nosotros mismos;****Pueblo suyo somos y ovejas de su prado.**

Entrad por sus puertas con acción de gracias,

Por sus atrios con alabanza.

¡Alabadlo, bendecid su nombre!,

porque Jehová es bueno;

Para siempre es su misericordia,**y su fidelidad por todas las generaciones.***Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!**Serve the Lord with gladness!**Come into God's presence with singing!**Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.**we are the Lord's;**we are the people of God,**the sheep of God's pasture.**Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,**and God's courts with praise!**Give thanks and bless God's name!**For the Lord is good;**God's steadfast love endures for ever;**God's faithfulness to all generations.***Gloria a Dios: Fuente de todo,****Palabra Eterna y Espíritu Santo,****un solo Dios, santa y bendita Trinidad,****quien es ahora, siempre fue,****y siempre será,****por los siglos de los siglos, Amén.***Glory to God, Source of all,**Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,**one God, Holy and Blessed Trinity,**who is now, ever was,**and ever shall be,**for ages of ages, Amen.*

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7–21

Judy Chung

⁷ *Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows**God. ⁸ The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how the love of God is revealed**to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: it is not that we loved**God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.*²² Trad. Mexican. English trans. *The New Century Hymnal*, 1995.

¹¹ Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. ¹² No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. ¹³ This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. ¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. ¹⁵ If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. ¹⁶ We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. ¹⁷ This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because God first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! ²¹ This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

DJ del Rosario

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³ and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+APOSTLES' CREED²³

I be-lieve in God, the Fa-ther al-might - y, cre - a-tor of hea-ven and earth. I be-lieve in

Je-sus Christ, God's on - ly Son, our Lord, who was con-ceived by the Ho - ly Spir - it, born of the Vir-gin

Ma-ry, suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi - late, was cru-ci-fied, died, and was bur-ied; he de-scend-ed, de-

scend-ed to the dead. On the third day he a - rose a - gain;

on the third day he a - rose a - gain; he a-scend-ed in-to hea-ven, he is seat-ed at the right hand

of the Fa-ther, and he will come to judge the liv - ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the

Ho-ly Spir-it, the ho - ly catho-lic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins, the re-sur

rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ev-er-last-ing, ev-er-last-ing. A - - men.

EXAMINATION

The people are seated.

The presiding bishops stand in an arc on the main level, on the banner side, facing the piano side.

The bishops-elect stand in an arc on the piano side, facing the presiding bishops.

The presiding bishops examine the bishops-elect.

BISHOP RAPANUT:

My siblings in Christ, you are to be consecrated bishops in the church of God. All Christian ministry is Christ's ministry of reconciling love. All baptized Christians are called to share this ministry of service in the world, to the glory of God and for the redemption of the human family. From among the baptized some are called by God and set apart by the church to serve God's people as

²³ David D. M. King, "Apostles' Creed," *Eucharistoumen*, vol. 2, David D. M. King, 2022. Used by permission.

commissioned ministers, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missionaries, deacons, local pastors, elders, and bishops.

BISHOP BRIDGEFORTH:

You have been ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament; you are now called, as bishops in the church, to reaffirm the vows made at your ordination as elders, and to represent Christ's servanthood in a special ministry of oversight.

BISHOP ESCOBEDO-FRANK:

You are called to guard the faith, to seek the unity, and to exercise the discipline of the whole church; and to supervise and support the church's life, work, and mission throughout the world.

BISHOP RAPANUT:

As servants of the whole church, you are called to preach and teach the truth of the gospel to all God's people; to lead the people in worship, in the celebration of the Sacraments, and in their mission of witness and service in the world, and so participate in the gospel command to make disciples of all nations.

BISHOP BRIDGEFORTH:

As bishops and pastors, you are to lead and guide all persons entrusted to your oversight; to join in the consecration of bishops, ordain deacons and elders, and commission other ministers for service to the church and to the world; and provide for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the congregations committed to your care.

BISHOP ESCOBEDO-FRANK:

Your joy will be to follow Jesus the Christ who came not to be served but to serve.
Will you accept the call to this ministry as bishops and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

I will, by the grace of God.

BISHOP RAPANUT:

Will you guard the faith, order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline of the Church against all that is contrary to God's Word?

I will, for the love of God.

BISHOP BRIDGEFORTH:

As bishops and pastors, will you, in cooperation with diaconal ministers, commissioned ministers, deaconesses, home missionaries, deacons, local pastors, and elders, encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, pray for them without ceasing, proclaim and interpret to them the gospel of Christ, and celebrate with them the Sacraments of our redemption?

I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

BISHOP ESCOBEDO-FRANK:

Will you share with other bishops in the supervision of the whole church; support the elders and take counsel with them; guide and strengthen the commissioned ministers, diaconal ministers, deacons, deaconesses, home missionaries, local pastors, and all others who minister in the church; and ordain, consecrate, and send others to minister in Christ's name?

All this I will do, by the grace given me.

BISHOP RAPANUT:

May the God who has given you the will to do these things give you grace to perform them, that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.

All: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER

BISHOP BRIDGEFORTH:

As Kristin and Sandra are consecrated bishops in the church, let us invoke the Holy Spirit on their behalf and pray for them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

The bishops-elect kneel.

The people pray for them in silence.

BISHOP ESCOBEDO-FRANK: extending hands over the bishops-elect:

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of mercies and source of all comfort, dwelling on high but having regard for the lowly, knowing all things before they come to pass: we give you thanks that from the beginning you have gathered and prepared a people to be heirs of the covenant of Abraham and Sarah, and have raised up prophets, rulers, and priests, never leaving your temple without a ministry. We praise you also that from the creation you have graciously accepted the service of those whom you have chosen.

All consecrating bishops find their places behind the kneeler

Family members and friends may be invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for each bishop-elect.

All bishops stand behind the kneeler and lay on hands for each candidate in turn.

Bishop-elect Stoneking comes and kneels at the kneeler. Bishops-elect Olevine is seated.

BISHOP RAPANUT: directly facing the bishop-elect, laying on hands

Almighty God, pour upon Kristin G. Stoneking the Holy Spirit, for the ministry of a bishop in Christ's holy church.

Amen.

Bishop BROWN takes the bible and places it on the kneeler.

Immediately the new bishop places hands on a Bible as the presiding bishop places both hands on the hands of the new bishop and says:

Kristin, receive the Holy Scriptures. Feed the flock of Christ, defend them in Christ's truth, and be a faithful steward of Christ's Word and Sacraments.

After the new bishop has received a Bible:

Reflect upon the contents of this Book. Give attention to reading, exhortation, and teaching. Be to the people of God a prophetic voice and a courageous leader. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd; support the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, restore the outcast, seek the lost, relieve the oppressed. Faithfully administer discipline, but do not forget mercy, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear you may receive the never-fading crown of glory. **Amen.**

Bishop Stoneking sits joins the other bishops..

Bishop-elect Olewine comes and kneels at the kneeler.

BISHOP BRIDGEFORTH: directly facing the bishop-elect, laying on hands

Almighty God, pour upon Sandra K. Olewine the Holy Spirit, for the ministry of a bishop in Christ's holy church.

Amen.

Bishop BROWN takes the bible and places it on the kneeler.

Immediately the new bishop places hands on a Bible as the presiding bishop places both hands on the hands of the new bishop and says:

Sandra, receive the Holy Scriptures. Feed the flock of Christ, defend them in Christ's truth, and be a faithful steward of Christ's Word and Sacraments.

After the new bishop has received a Bible:

Reflect upon the contents of this Book. Give attention to reading, exhortation, and teaching. Be to the people of God a prophetic voice and a courageous leader. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd; support the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, restore the outcast, seek the lost, relieve the oppressed. Faithfully administer discipline, but do not forget mercy, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear you may receive the never-fading crown of glory. **Amen.**

Both new bishops stand before the kneeler, facing the congregation.

BISHOP ESCOBEDO-FRANK: standing behind and extending hands over the new bishops.

Almighty God, fill the hearts of these your servants whom you have chosen to be bishops with such love of you and of all the people that they may feed and tend the flock of Christ, serve in the ministry of reconciliation, and supervise and support the life and work of the church. In all things may they present before you the acceptable offering of a pure, gentle, and holy life; through Jesus Christ your servant, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and power and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

OFFERING

Sierra Service Project

OFFERTORY

Covenant UMC Marimba Band

DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH
Sing in the language of your heart



OFFERTORY PRAYER²⁴

God of New Beginnings, we seek to do everything in the name of Jesus. We desire to live in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. As we place an offering upon your altar, we believe that we are moving closer to this desire. Help us live with your peace ruling our hearts. We are so thankful! In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

PRAYER

BISHOP RAPANUT:

Let us pray.

We thank you, gracious Lord, for raising up among us your faithful servants Kristin and Sandra for the ministry of a bishop. We pray that they may be examples of the new life in Christ, in words and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them, may glorify you by giving ourselves to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

New bishops:

+BENEDICTION

Both new bishops:

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!

+RECESSIONAL HYMN

Siyahamba²⁵

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Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.

Siyahamba ooo siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.

Siyahamba ooo siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, ooo, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, ooo, we are marching in the light of God.

Caminando en la luz de Dios, caminando en la luz de Dios.

Caminando en la luz de Dios, caminando en la luz de Dios.

Caminando ooo, caminando en la luz de Dios.

²⁴ David Bell, 150 in *Worship and Song*, Leader's Edition, © 2007 General Board of Discipleship. Used by permission.

²⁵ South Africa, 20th cent. © 1984 Utryck. OneLicense # 96978.

Caminando ooo, caminando en la luz de Dios.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.

Siyahamba ooo siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.

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Day One



Day Two



Day Three



Day Four

