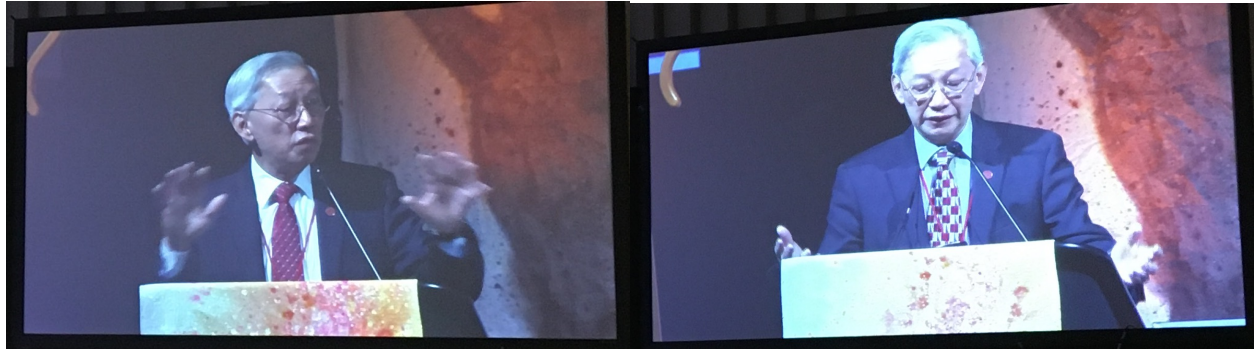


Saturday

This report is a combination of the ACS Summaries from the Cal-Nevada Annual Conference Communications office and lay delegate Nick Strobel's commentary.

Saturday began with a Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan on the honor-shame cultural context and the meaning of Romans 12 for the church in 2022.



(Pics from Kuan's Saturday and Monday morning presentations)

No items were removed from the [Consent Calendar](#). The day included fixing of appointments for Bay District, **Central Valley District** and El Camino Real District.



The Report of Ordained Ministry included:

Presentation of those to Receive their License for Ministry as a Local Pastor:

Bradley Charles Biggerstaff, Tamara Brewer, Akesa Po'oi Fakava, Sosaia Fineanganofu, Ivana Vath Heang, Molly Knappen, Siosaia Koloti, Kevin Murphy, Han Byul Park, Nathan Sam-Whistler, Palenitina Langa'oi Tiueti, Mele Vakapuna

Presentation of those persons as Associate Members

Jeffrey Holder and Becky Stockdale

Presentation of those persons received by Transfer

Harold Gordon (South Carolina Annual Conference)

Charles Tran (Rio Texas Annual Conference)

Commissioning toward Elder's Orders

Sepuloni Feleunga, Saulisi H. Kanongata'a, Karla J. Lundin, Henry Pajarillo Pablo III

Ordination and Full Connection as a Deacon:

Eileen Johnson, Mallory Cameron Naake, Melanie Oliver

Ordination and Full Connection as an Elder:

Peter Andrew Evans, Jong Sik Kim, Tara Christine Limbaugh, Dana Michelle Gill Port, Julie Helen Raridan

Full Connection as an Elder

Viseth Hou (Whose Orders were Recognized in 2019)

Rev. Susan Grace Smith summarized the Call to Wholeness program and recognized the class of 2022 along with ordination anniversary years: Greg Bergquist, 35; Lee Neish, 35; Mariellen Yoshito, 30; Elizabeth Brick, 21; Amy Beth Durward, 16; **Anne Schlesinger, 11**; Becky Stockdale, 6; Chelsea Constant, 5; Donna Farrell, 5; Youngmi Jung, 5; Karla Lundin, 5; Ofa Ha'unga, 5; Bener Agtarap, 32; Ernest Kan, 30; Janette Saavedra, 26; Laurie Bayen, 20; Dawn Blundell, 11; Marcelo Escarzaga; Suzanne Calhoun, 5; Jeffrey Holder, 5; Tikiko Lesuma, 5; Matt Pearson, 5; Thomas Widlund, 5. Following the introductions, two of the class (Greg Bergquist and Ofa Ha'unga briefly testified to their experience so far.

Disaffiliation Discussion

The Board of Trustees report reviewed additions to the Trust Clause of [paragraph 2553](#) which expires on 12/31/23 including paying a share of the Boy Scout of American settlement portion, any unpaid bills, tithe, pastor compensation and 20% of the fair market value. If sold, the conference has the first right of refusal. (see [report](#))

Under the adopted agreement, Cal-Nevada churches would be required to pay (1) any unpaid tithe for the past year (2) an additional year of tithe (3) its share of unfunded pension obligations (4) its share of the Annual Conference's settlement amount in the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy case (5) any unpaid property insurance due the Conference's unit insurance program (6) any unpaid clergy compensation and benefits and (7) 20% of the fair market value of its property. The Conference would retain a right of first refusal on the property, giving it the right to repurchase the property at 20% of its fair market value if the church desires to sell the property in the 7 years after disaffiliation. Point #7 about the 20% property value payment generated A LOT of discussion! Annual conferences across the nation have different amounts from 0% to 100%. Cal-Nevada chose 20%.

Item 23 about Disaffiliating Churches in Cal-Nevada brought by Rev. Richard Thompson of First UMC Bakersfield and Rev. Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan of Claremont School of Theology was deemed out of order by Bishop Dyck except for the opening paragraph and paragraph #4. The item said the provisions would be only for those churches going into independent status when the intent of [Paragraph 2553](#) (passed by Special General Conference 2019) was for churches wanting to become part of the Global Methodist Church denomination and Paragraph 2553 states, "the terms and conditions for that disaffiliation shall be established by the board of trustees of the applicable annual conference." Item 23 stated that the Annual Conference could not add any more terms to the disaffiliation agreement than what was in the item. However, the item 23 had not included some terms established by the Conference Board of Trustees, especially the payment of 20% the fair market value of the property. Paragraph 2553 gives the authority to the Conference Board of Trustees for the terms, not the Annual Conference session.

The conference voted to refer the recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Bishop Dyck prayed over the session noting, "When we tug, push and pull, we see more clearly."


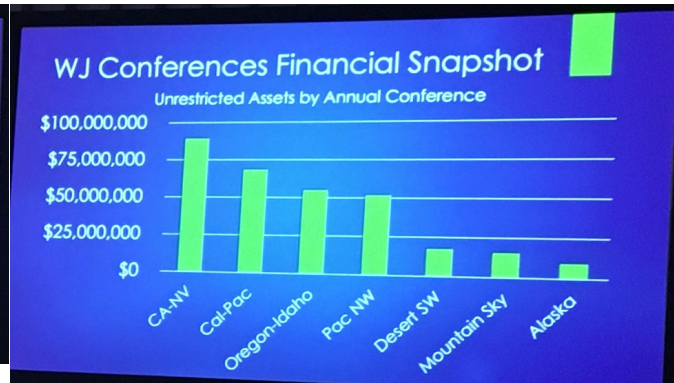
Budget

Chair of Conference Finance and Administration (CFA) Rev. Kristin Stoneking of Epworth UMC, Berkeley reported that our annual conference is one out of eight conferences who gave full apportionments last year achieving 100% giving over the last 5 years. California-Nevada conference has the highest *unrestricted* assets in the Western Jurisdiction. Note that this does NOT include real estate which would be *restricted* assets. Below are pictures of the more interesting slides in the presentation.

Praise God and Thank You, California-Nevada!

100%


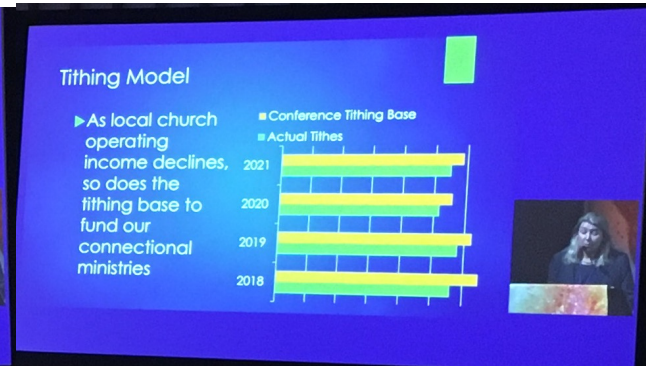
- ▶ We are **1 out of 8** annual conferences achieving 100% giving in 2021!
- ▶ Five years in a row!

The picture on the right shows that we have the finances to take care of whatever ministries we want. It's just a matter of how it's prioritized.

Investing in Church Plants


- ▶ New Church Development Fund Assumes that the assets of legacy churches will replenish the fund and become seeds for new church plants

The picture on the left shows we've been using the money from church closures to fund new church starts. The picture on the right shows that most churches have been doing the tithe and as local church income changes, so does the funding for the connectional ministries.

A Diversified and Sustainable Eco-system for Ministry

- ▶ In addition to new church plants, we must develop ministry initiatives that are financially self-sustaining.



This slide was shown when Rev. Stoneking talked about the need to diversify our revenue sources.

[Budget \(Item 1\)](#) was presented and was approved on Sunday afternoon. Select the [Recommendations link](#) to download the PDF and view the Budget recommendation on pages 2 to 11.

Legislative Coordinator for the Annual Conference Session, Rev. Elizabeth Cademartori of Novato UMC, moved for the approval of the [Consent Calendar](#). The Consent Calendar had two items: 1) Creation of a Climate Justice Ministries taskforce; and 2) resolution on the demolition of olive trees in Wadi Foquin (West Bank Palestinian village located in the Bethlehem District). It was approved. [Item 22 as amended](#) was approved (select the link to download the Word docx file). Item 22 is a resolution on invitations to establish relationships with our Jewish neighbors. Rev. Tikiko Lesuma member of the CORE team and pastor of Hope UMC in Sacramento moved [Item 8 on a Conference-wide Shared Facility Policy](#) be approved. It was approved.

Retiree videos included Rev. Craig Brown, Rev. Dan Sturdivant, Rev. Kathi McShane, and Rev. Jim Crawford.

Lunch events included the [Bystander Intervention](#) led by Ossama Kamel CAIR Sacramento Valley/Central California Community Organizing and Engagement Manager explaining values of safety, steps to intervene, and how to deal with the attacker's anger. The event was sponsored by the [Committee on Advocacy and Justice](#), [Commission on Religion and Race](#) and the [Commission on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relations](#).

The California-Nevada Conference [Committee on Reconciliation](#) (CCOR) sponsored "What Will the #UMC Look Like Tomorrow" featuring guest speakers Rev. Dr. Rebekah Miles from Texas, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kuan, Dr. Randall Miller and Rev. Dr. Izzy Alvaran with special testimony by Rev. Graner, the first out gay clergy ordained in the South Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions of the UMC.

Memorial Service

"Rather than leaving grief at the door," stated Rev. Michael Yoshii during the memorial sermon, "we embrace where our lives are at this moment even if not fully healed..." Bishop Sally Dyck led the Litany of Loss. Offering monies support the Necessitous Grant Fund for clergy families in need. Text "NEED" to 916-238-6854. Memoirs included: the Rev. John V. Albright Sr., **Rev. Norman G. Callaway**, Kenneth Celli, Jean W. Conrad, Rev. Darrell W. Darling, Rev. Rodrigo De Guzman Estrada, Rev. Leo Fong, Rev. Ronald A. Greilich, Rev. Robert Johansson, Lillie T. Jue, Rev. Glen Martin, Rev. William J. Marx, Rev. Larry G. Moore, Rev. Joseph E. Parshall, **Rev. Robert H. Schwartz**, Rev. William H.

Stegall, Jr., Georgianna H. Summers. A moment was taken for remembering lay persons who have passed this last year.

“Talk is cheap,” stated Bay District Superintendent Staci Current during the District Superintendent Reports. “...love is a verb!” Rev. David L. Niu, Central Valley District Superintendent added, “Out of the messiness of our ministry comes the love of God and the love of neighbor.”

Eight church plants were held up in prayer including Dublin (Rev. Chelsea Constant); Campbell: West African Ministry (Rev. Daniel Gbundema); Mountain View: Front Porch (Rev. Sam Blewis); Milpitas: Peace UMC (Rev. Charles Tran); San Ramon Valley, Korean (Daniel John Sik Kim); Fresno: Hispanic-Latino (Pastor Vicky Flores); Santa Rosa: Open Table College Ministry (Rev. Lindsey Bell-Kerr); Sacramento: Table Farm and Table Bread (Chloe McElyea). Church closures approved included (Item 3a) Rio Linda Community church; (Item 3b) Clear Lake Oaks UMC; (Item 3c) Exeter UMC and (Item 3d) Elverta UMC.

Pastor Helen Kung testified of God’s protection during the [fire](#) at St. Paul’s UMC San Jose.

Late Item 9 Clergy Wellness Initiative was presented with edits by Rev. Kathy LaPoint-Collup. It was moved to table the motion for further edits. The item 9 posted on the Annual Conference website is the original version. A substitute version was presented and approved on Monday. [See the Monday page](#) for the text of the new version.

There was no evening plenary session.