

# **U.M. Daily**

## **Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

the 33rd Annual Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference

Prior to the opening of the 33rd Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference, the Clergy gathered for a time of covenanting, prayer, and reflection.

**Wednesday, June 14, 2017**  
**Orders Covenant Session**  
**Orton Center 1:00 PM**

As the clergy gathered for lunch prior to the Orders Covenant Session, Rev. Colleen Windham-Hughes offered a word of welcome. She explained that photographs would be displayed of previous commissioning and ordination classes. The gathering was invited to consider what has changed since they began in ministry? Rev. Erin McFee offered an invocation and invited those gathered to begin the meal. Following the meal, the clergy were delighted to welcome Bishop Grant Hagiya back to Cal-Pac in his new capacity as bishop, and he graciously answered many questions -- including instruction on the appointment process, his vision for mission in our area, and his personal practices of renewal.

The Orders Covenant Session began with a welcome by Rev. Ken Suhr who invited the gathering to sing "Great is thy Faithfulness". Joys and concerns were lifted up and Rev. Ed Hansen offered prayer.

Rev. Colleen Windham-Hughes introduced the Orders Executive Committee and invited the gathering to contact the members as needed for support. Rev. Colleen Windham-Hughes read ¶306 on Orders and asked the gathering to reflect on ¶306.

Rev. Ken Suhr shared what it means for him for the UM Church to be a church of "the Movement" and not "the Moment." He encouraged the clergy gathered to shift from a moments-based church to a movements-based community, emphasizing that this shift takes change, sacrifice, and openness. Rev. Suhr noted the Orders Executive Committee is working to

promote covenantal relationships between clergy in the conference and encouraged clergy to start and/or become part of such groups.

Rev. Moonyoung Lee shared about the history of Methodist Class Meetings, distributing “Class Tickets” based on the original tickets given to Methodist class meeting participants. The tables were designated as Covenant Groups and asked to discuss, “How is it with your soul?”

Rev. Mark Richardson spoke about the importance of counseling for clergy and the resources the Orders Executive Committee provides to reimburse clergy for counseling for 50 percent of out-of-pocket costs. Those at the tables were asked to discuss, “When something is broken in your life, where do you go to for help?”

Rev. Cathy Cooper-Ledesma shared about the importance of clergy participating in continuing education opportunities and the resources the Orders Executive Committee provides, including \$1,000 per quadrennium for continuing education and renewal leave.

Rev. Colleen Windham-Hughes talked about what the Orders Executive Committee provides, including connecting pastors with Elder Pastors, sending cards to grieving clergy families on behalf of the conference clergy, and staying connected with retired clergy through CHARMS.

Rev. Paige Eaves and Rev. Adiel De Pano led in a laying on of hands for Bishop Hagiya as the gathering prepared to enter into the opening worship of Annual Conference. Rev. Tom Choi led the gathering in singing “Be Thou My Vision”. Bishop Hagiya gave a closing benediction.

**33rd Annual Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference**  
**Opening Worship**  
**Wednesday June 14, 2017**  
**Memorial Chapel 3:00 PM**

Worship leader John Oh invited the gathering to rise and sing. The Annual Conference Worship Band lead the gathering in singing, “This is the Day”, “This is Amazing Grace”, “Great Are You Lord,” and “Breathe.”

Rev. Karen Clark Ristine and Rev. Dr. Lincoln Galloway led the Call to Worship which was based on Ezekiel 37:1-5, 11-14. Bishop Grant Hagiya, Lay Leaders - Phil and Connee Freeman, along with the Cabinet stood as the litany of response was shared. The gathering sang “And Are We Yet Alive” and recited the Litany of Response. Rev. Ruben Esponda read Matthew 10:5-10 from *The Message*.

Bishop Grant Hagiya offered the Episcopal Address. Since election, he has had one burning goal: to revitalize the churches. Our conference’s 10-year statistics show decline and the Bishop

shared his belief that this occurs when we give up the opportunities to transform individual lives. Our leadership has not been clear as to where we need to go and why we need to go there.

Bishop Hagiya wishes for United Methodists to have more conversations in light of the tumultuous events and the divide over LGBT issues. He has become more convinced that the UMC must stay together and that there is a way forward, together.

On average, the UMC has divided every 50 years in our existence - over doctrine, over slavery, and over culture. Dividing is not new to the Methodist Church. If we split apart over the issue of human sexuality, we will lose far more than we gain.

Bishop Hagiya listed UMC Missional accomplishments to be proud of: Raising over 68 million dollars for Imagine No Malaria; becoming a global worldwide church with increasing members from Africa and Asia; United Methodist Committee on Relief being sought out by the federal government to teach and implement case work; and our church's building of the first great university for the African continent, Africa University.

The mission of the UMC must remain primary and our ideological divisions remain secondary. We are reminded that this is God's mission, not ours. Our own sinful nature thwarts our mission when we argue over sexual identity.

Ninety percent of the UMC believes that any separation will harm our denomination. It is only the extremes of our Church's right and left - traditional and progressive - that want the Church to split. People will leave in any change process. We must ask, "How many casualties can we withstand as leaders?" Casualties are part of the change process and a reality.

Bishop Hagiya stressed that the church must find a way to stay together for the sake of the world. To emphasize this, he had the body read 1 Corinthians 3:4-9 in unison.

Bishop Hagiya said that love and reconciliation wins over fear and hatred. We can stay together in love even though we don't agree on this issue. Bishop Hagiya spoke of his colleague, Bishop Mike Lowry of the Texas Conference. While having similar histories, they discovered that they were opposites on both theological and social issues. Through their honest sharing, they decided their friendship showed a better way. They spoke of issues that were dear to their hearts - the mission of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Hagiya stressed that we must respect and love the other person even when we disagree on these issues - this is what we must do. We must center our attention on the mission God has given to us as addressed in Matthew 10:5-8. The body read Matthew 10:5-8 The Message Translation in unison.

We don't have to take on all the ills of the world. We need to tackle the problems where we live, right next door to us. Jesus has given us this power and authority to be in mission. We do not have to be ordained. All of us in our baptism are called to fulfill this mission.

“You have been treated generously. Now live generously.” Even though we don’t deserve this love, God has loved us. We fall short, but God still loves us. In turn, we must go and love everyone else with the same love God gives to us. This is our purpose.

Bishop Hagiya’s late father, a mechanic by trade, upon retirement volunteered at his local church as a handyman. He also wanted to help the community. He started a specialized recycling program for the local senior center. Upon retiring from this, the Center wanted to honor him with an award. Reluctantly, he went to the awards dinner. He had raised over \$400,000 through this program for the Center, right in his own community.

**\*\*Matthew 10:9-10\*\*** was read in unison by the body.

We don’t need a lot of money and resources. All we need is ourselves. We are the equipment. All we really need is sustenance, so travel light. All is required of us is faith. Faith will guide us toward the way forward.

We must counter the ethos of fear in our society today. To confine the Gospel to ourselves is a travesty. If we are to have this reform, grow, and prosper, we must move away from institutional maintenance. We must engage with real missions right where we live! Go to the lost, confused people. Tell them of the Kingdom of God.

Metrics are always difficult. The Church needs to reform the way we count. There are certain metrics on which the Bishop said he is focusing. Every local church needs to reach out to its neighborhood and bring 10 new people to Christ every year. Every church to increase its average worship attendance by 10%.

Every church to make 25% of the current congregation living Disciples. Every church needs to give 100% of its apportionment. We need find new creative ways to raise funds.

Annual Conference Goals: the need to double our vital congregations; start 20 new faith communities in the next three years; create comprehensive revitalization of local church programs; and improve our leadership, discipling, and community engagement systems.

We will try to provide whatever resources each local church needs. Now is the time for us to trust in God and to work for health and vitality in our communities and churches. Now is the time for us to have a vision of who God calls us to be in our neighborhood.

We must decide if this is going to be our shared agenda, or only the Bishop’s agenda. We must have our own unique agenda for our local communities as well.

Closing Story - a family friend’s history mirrored the Bishop’s own as third-generation Japanese-Americans. The family’s dream was to purchase a farm which they did in the California desert. It was a piece of deserted, barren land which the father stared out for over 20 minutes in

silence. That night, the family gathered at the shelter on the property. The father stood up and announced that this was their new home. There would be no talk of going back. The father had a vision for the possibilities of this land. In the following years, the family would work hard to transform a dry and barren land into a rich and lush farm. Five of the 9 children went to college. Among the dozens of grandchildren and great-grandchildren are now doctors, lawyers, and teachers - all because of one person's vision.

Cal Pac Conference: do not give in to cynicism or denial. Now is the time for faith and vision. Now is the time for action. May it be so.

Claremont School of Theology President Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kuan offered an invitation to support Claremont School of Theology with the offering and prayed over the gifts to be given.

Rev. Karen Clark Ristine invited members to write prayers on pieces of ribbon to be tied on the prayer walls in the chapel narthex.

Bishop Hagiya, with Phil and Connee Freeman, prayed Blessings of Healing and Hope. They invited the body to exchange signs of peace with one another, then the worship musicians ended the service with "I am Free to Run."

## Messaging Moment

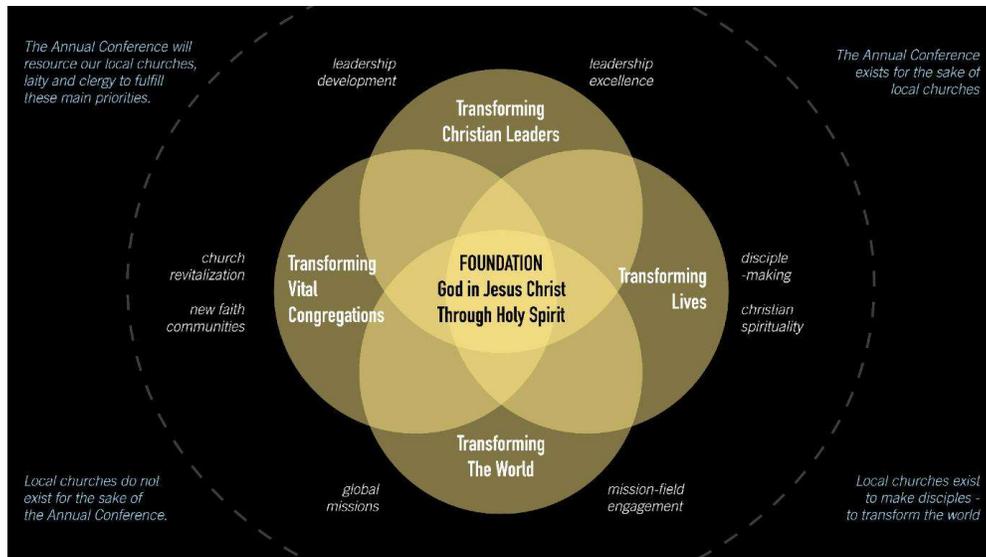
Hawaii District Superintendent Rev. Se Hee Han welcomed Bishop Grant Hagiya with a floral lei.

The first Messaging Moment was delivered by Bishop Grant Hagiya. He offered an overview of his vision for Annual Conference. The Bishop interspersed his talk with videos and diagrams.

The 1st Video was Stuck on an Escalator.

Change process is often like the video. We expect others to do the change but we are the ones who need to initiate change for our churches.

Diagram - "The Four Priorities": This diagram began on a napkin, then on a piece of paper, then a crude computer diagram. Cal-Pac Director of Communications James Kang created the finished diagram.



- At the center is God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit: This is our core and everything emanates from this center. Communion with God, spirituality, must be our center.
- Transformation is the central theme in terms of language - all of the outside spokes are transformation. The four outlying circles are:
  - Transforming Leaders** - leadership development. Laity must lead this charge.
  - Transforming Lives** - disciple-making and spirituality. If we are disciples, then we are willing to go to our deaths for Jesus. We need that discipleship commitment.
  - Transforming the World** - this is what we do well as an AC and our church as a whole. This must continue, especially in our local communities.
  - Transforming Vital Congregations** - church revitalization and new church development. We need both to start new places for new people and to revitalize existing churches.
- Revitalization means we live to the potential of our churches. Like deferred maintenance, we are paying the price of not revitalizing our churches for so long.
- Resources - we must put all of our resource - financial, human, time and energy - toward healthy and vital congregations.

These main priorities are centered around some ethos. The AC will resource our local churches, laity and clergy.

Local churches exist to make disciples to transform the world.  
Apportionments will be decreased and alternative sources of revenue will be explored

The gathering was guided to share in small group discussions: "How does this information register with each of you?"

We are looking at the question of WHY? We must ask why.

Bishop Hagiya invited the gathering to start with considering why southern California is growing while the church is declining. This tension means that the mission field is large and needs us. The potential for Southern California is seen in these numbers below:

Population

2010 - ~ 24 million

2025 - ~ 29 million

2050 - ~39 million people.

This is the playing field, the harvest in our midst. We can't sit here and decline when our population is growing around us.

If we were a corporation and we saw these numbers, we would double the energy and resources poured into this area. The opportunity is right here and we are poised and positioned as a church to make a difference. We must be motivated to live out this potential.

Luke 10:1-3 was read in unison.

Our job is to pray, to train, to mentor the people who will go out into the mission field to make disciples. We are clear on where we need to go.

Bishop Hagiya reminded the gathering that the center of our foundation is God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Story: When Bishop Hagiya was 14, his mom was diagnosed with cancer and eventually passed. What got him through was looking at his mom's faith, which was like a rock. He pulled out his sixth-grade Bible and lived with it. The Bible enabled him to make it through this tragedy. We have to have our center in God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. All else is peripheral to that center.

He closed by sharing a video with Michael Jr "How do I know" and encouraged the gathering to remember that we learn through failure so don't be afraid to fail.

We know what our What is. We must discover our Why in our souls. If we can discover our Why as an Annual Conference, we will discover our purpose. The Bishop invited the Annual Conference to find this Why. This is the beginning of our understanding of why we are here.

Bishop Hagiya invited Rev. Karen Clark Ristine to share announcements and a prayer for our dinner. She invited Episcopacy Committee Chair Rev. Adiel DePano to formally welcome the bishop back to the Cal-Pac Conference after eight years of being away. This is his first time among Cal-Pac as our bishop. Rev. Ristine said, "Welcome Home" and Rev. DePano invited the body to welcome the Bishop with our applause. Rev. DePano then led the body in prayer for Bishop Hagiya.

Rev. Ristine prayed grace over dinner and the body was dismissed until Clergy Executive Session and Laity Session.

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**Laity Session**

**Wednesday June 14, 2017**

**Orton Center 7:00 PM**

The Laity Session began with a welcome by Andre Aldridge, West District Co-Lay Leader, recognizing first-time attenders. He said he wants everyone's experience to be positive and pointed out the information in the Member Guide.

Eutha Hankinson, member of Laity Council, gave the opening prayer.

Mercy Herstad, North District Co-Lay Leader lead the hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." José Griffin Atli was the volunteer pianist.

Connee and Phil Freeman, Conference Co-Lay Leaders, were introduced. They said they pray constantly for the laity and regularly visit the churches in our Conference. They recognized 40 young adult attendees. Three members of the Laity Council, Liz Roark, Doug and Judy Lewis are retiring and were presented a recognition plaque.

Annie Solomon, East District Co-Lay Leader, recognized the Lay Young Adult Person of Year from Emmanuel UMC in San Bernardino - Michaela Roark. Dionne Taylor, South District Co-Lay Leader recognized the Lay Woman of the Year from Santee UMC - Robin Partridge. JP Harris, Co-Lay Leader North District recognized the Lay Man of the Year from Glendale UMC - Sheldon Hasse.

Denyse Barnes, Ojai UMC, intern at Hollywood UMC offered a preview of legislation. She defined terms. She discussed the different types of motions and the procedure to be followed during Plenary Sessions. Ms. Barnes explained the legislative section number at the upper right corner of the name tag. She informed the laity that the legislative sections will meet Thursday at 1:30 PM. Ms. Barnes explained microphone courtesies.

Andre Aldridge introduced Stan Shimotsu, West Los Angeles UMC, motivational speaker who spoke on the theme of "From There to Here". Mr Shimotsu shared that storytelling is healing. He explained the relevance of the Japanese internment to today.

Pat Hogan described the process for certification for lay servant ministries.

The gathering of the laity sang the closing hymn, "Surely the Presence of the Lord." Jasmine Platon was the volunteer pianist. Ralph Hogan offered a benediction.

**33rd Annual Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference**  
**Clergy Executive Session**  
**Wednesday June 14, 2017**  
**Memorial Chapel 7:00 PM**

Bishop Grant Hagiya began the Executive Session of the Annual Conference by explaining those entitled to remain for the session. Rev. Elbert Kim requested on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry to allow the following to remain: laity serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry, non-clergy assisting with the Audio-Video systems, Gail Kendall and Martha Villalta from the Episcopal Office, and Cathy Wilson, the administrative coordinator for the Board of Ordained Ministry. The request was approved.

Rev. Richard Garner, chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, offered some opening remarks. He expressed gratitude for the leadership of Bishop Hagiya and the Board of Ordained Ministry, including new members. "Without dedication of time and prayerful effort, we would be unable to serve the Lord as best we can."

Rev. Elbert Kim, Registrar for the Board, reported the diligent and faithful work performed by the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry and offered gratitude to Cathy Wilson for her invaluable assistance in formulating the report. Many of the Disciplinary Questions did not require action, so clergy only voted on the portions that did. Editorial corrections were not made during the session. Instead, the gathering was encouraged to send an email with corrected information to Cathy Wilson at [cwilson@calpacumc.org](mailto:cwilson@calpacumc.org) or by leaving a message at the university message center.

The first order of business was the election of provisional members to be commissioned and members to be ordained in full connection.

**Disciplinary Questions 28 and 32, 33 and 34:**

The Board presented the 2017 candidates for provisional membership and membership in Full Connection. For provisional membership and commissioning on DEACON track, the Board presented Jeania Ree Violet Moore and Chelsea Laine Simon. For provisional membership and commissioning on ELDER track, the Board presented Benjamin Paul Camp, Christopher Robert Carter, James Hyun Choi, Ki Tae Choi, John Feaumolotu V. Finau, Matthew Ray Hambrick, Hannah Ka, Bae Sun Kim, Erin Karynn Stenberg, Blair Trygstad Stowe, Sione Tongia Tu'ipulotu, and Hee Jung Yu. For ordination as a DEACON in full connection, the Board presented Jeffrey Alan Bishop, Martha Walz Morales, and Robin Ann Rhodes. For ordination as an ELDER in full connection, the Board presented Valerie Lou Weise and Stephen Jerry Wilson. After the introductions, the candidates left the chapel to be voted on individually

**PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND COMMISSIONING:**

Rev. Sunyoung Lee, the Registrar for provisional membership, gave introductions of each of the candidates to be commissioned before votes were taken.

Rev. Kim moved Jeania Ree Violet Moore for provisional membership and commissioning on Deacon track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Chelsea Laine Simon for provisional membership and commissioning on Deacon track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Benjamin Paul Camp for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Christopher Robert Carter for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved James Hyun Choi for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Ki Tae Choi for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved John Feaumolotu V. Finau for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Matthew Ray Hambrick for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Hannah Ka for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Bae Sun Kim for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Erin Karynn Stenberg for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Blair Trygstad Stowe for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Sione Tongia Tu'ipulotu for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Hee Jung Yu for provisional membership and commissioning on Elder track. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Sunyoung Lee offered a prayer for those approved and invited the gathering to show their celebration for the newly elected provisional members.

Rev. K. Cherie Jones, the registrar for Full Connection, gave introductions of each of the candidates to be ordained before votes were taken.

Rev. Kim moved Jeffrey Alan Bishop for ordination as a Deacon in full connection. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Martha Walz Morales for ordination as a Deacon in full connection. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Robin Ann Rhodes for ordination as a Deacon in full connection. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Valerie Lou Weise for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim moved Stephen Jerry Wilson for ordination as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. K. Cherie Jones offered a prayer for those approved for full ordination and invited the gathering to show their celebration for those elected.

#### TRANSFERS FROM OTHER ANNUAL CONFERENCES OR DENOMINATIONS:

##### **Disciplinary Questions 31, 38, 39, 41, 65 & 66**

Rev. Tom Choi introduced the following as transfers from other Annual Conferences: Bethany Carpenter (Elder in Full Connection from the New Mexico Annual Conference), Mandy McDow (Elder in Full Connection from the North Georgia Annual Conference), John Michio Miyahara (Elder in Full Connection from the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference), and Deborah Shepherd (Commissioned Deacon in Provisional Membership from the New Mexico Annual Conference).

Rev. Choi introduced the following as transfers from other denominations:

J. Anthony Boger, transferring in as a Provisional Member from the Seventh Day Adventist denomination.

Rev. Choi moved to receive Bethany Carpenter by transfer as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Choi moved to receive Mandy McDow by transfer as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Choi moved to receive John Michio Miyahara by transfer as an Elder in full connection. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Choi moved to receive Deborah Shepherd by transfer as a Commissioned Deacon in Provisional Membership. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Choi moved to receive J. Anthony Boger by transfer from the Seventh Day Adventist denomination as a Provisional Member. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Choi offered a prayer for those who transferred.

#### **Disciplinary Question 29 under letters (a) and (d)**

Rev. Kim invited the session to review the list of deacons and elders in provisional membership who are already in preparation for ordination.

#### **Disciplinary Question 19**

Rev. Paige Eaves recognized persons who have served on the District Committee on Ordained Ministry and as candidacy mentors, and reported on certified candidates and offered a prayer.

#### **Disciplinary Questions 21**

Pastor Jim Brooking moved for approval of all Local Pastors listed. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.** Pastor Brookings offered a prayer.

#### **Disciplinary Question 24 and Disciplinary Question 49**

Rev. Kim noted the list of ministers from other Annual Conferences or Methodist Denominations serving in California-Pacific Annual Conference while retaining their conference or denominational membership. He also noted the list of clergy appointed in other Annual Conferences while retaining their membership with California-Pacific Annual Conference. Rev. Kim invited those present who fit these categories to stand and be recognized.

#### **Disciplinary Question 25**

Rev. Kim moved the list of ministers from other Christian denominations serving in California-Pacific Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.** Rev. Kim invited those present who fit this category to stand and be recognized.

#### **Disciplinary Question 26 (b)**

Rev. Kim moved the list of all affiliate members retaining their Annual Conference membership while serving in this Annual Conference. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

#### **Disciplinary Question 27**

Rev. Kim moved all associate members serving in this Annual Conference. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported**. Rev. Kim invited those present who fit these categories to stand and be recognized.

#### **Disciplinary Question 18(a)**

Rev. Kim moved the nominations for the Administrative Review Committee as this is the start of the new quadrennium. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported**.

#### **Disciplinary Question 18(c)**

Rev. Kim moved the list of those to serve on the Committee on Investigation. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported**.

#### **Disciplinary Question 42**

Rev. Kim reported Disciplinary Question 42 on page 9 lists those who are recommended for discontinuance from provisional membership.

Rev. Kim moved discontinuance for Amanda Burr by Expiration of the eight-year time limit. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported**.

Rev. Kim moved discontinuance for Hilly Hicks by Voluntary Discontinuance. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported**.

Rev. K. Cherie Jones offered a prayer.

#### **Disciplinary Question 17**

Rev. Kim reported there are no clergy under review.

Bishop Grant Hagiya formally asked each District Superintendent to stand and asked each whether clergy under their care are blameless in their life and official administration, and clergy affirmed that the District Superintendents are blameless in their life and official administration. **All were affirmed.**

#### **Disciplinary Question 43**

Rev. Mark Ulrickson, from Conference Relations, reported there was no one placed on honorable location.

#### **Disciplinary Question 44**

Rev. Ulrickson moved two individuals to be placed on retired status this year. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported**.

#### **Disciplinary Question 45**

Rev. Ulrickson moved the termination of those on honorable location who failed to submit a report to the Annual Conference for two consecutive years. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported**.

#### **Disciplinary Question 46**

Rev. Ulrickson moved the termination of conference membership by withdrawal. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

### **Disciplinary Questions 50 and 52**

Rev. Ulrickson presented Disciplinary Questions 50 and 52, listed on pages 13 and 14, related to leaves. The Board moved for approval Disciplinary Question 50. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

The Board moved for approval Disciplinary Question 52. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Moment of Personal Privilege by Rev. Mary Scifres: Prayer for Stephanie Toon.

Moment of Personal Privilege by Rev. James Dollins: Prayer for Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth.

Rev. Ulrickson offered a prayer for leaves, withdrawals and termination of membership.

### **Disciplinary Question 48**

Rev. Ulrickson reported Disciplinary Question 48 listed on pages 11 & 12, the names of those who served in ministry and finished their labors and are now in the church triumphant are listed: Harry Adams (Retired), Paulino Alfaro (Retired), James Burn (Retired), Dale Conrad (Retired), Melvin Criswell (Retired), James Decker-Mahin (Retired), James Dinkel (Retired), Dennis Holway (Retired), Myra Hogan (Retired Deacon), Marilyn Huntington (Retired), Yong Han Jeon (Retired), Marshall M. Ketchum (Retired), Tong Ho Kim (Retired Deacon), Allen J. Moore (Retired), Mardoqueo "Mardy" Olivas (Retired), Wonwha Lee Ryu (Retired), Miyeko Kawata Uriu (Retired), Helen Waterson (Diaconal Minister), and Earl Wood (Retired). Rev. Ulrickson shared some thoughts and offered a prayer.

### **Disciplinary Questions 53 through 56**

Rev. Ulrickson presented a report on retirement. The following Deacons are retiring this year: Carol Mayer. The following Elders are retiring this year: Matthew Chong, William Cutter, Karen Dalton, Romeo Del Rosario, Gary Alan Dickey, LLC Hammond, Mary Elizabeth Moore, Holly Reinhart-Marean, Luat Trong Tran and Robert Wickerts. NO Associate members are retiring this year. The following Local Pastors are retiring this year: Hilly Hicks and Diane Mettam. The Board moved the approval of those persons retiring. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.** Rev. Ulrickson offered a prayer for those retiring.

### **Disciplinary Questions 63 – 71**

Rev. Kim presented Disciplinary Questions 63-71 for the information of the body.

### **Disciplinary Question 72**

Rev. Kim presented Disciplinary Question 72 which lists those pastors/deacons appointed to less than full time positions. Bishop Hagiya called for the **vote and it was supported.**

Rev. Kim encouraged to clergy to review the other pertinent information in the report.

Rev. Garner took a moment of privilege to mention that this is the first time in several years that there have been more people coming into the ordination process than retiring. He then shared about coaching. Those who are interested in seeking coaching or being trained as a coach can contact the Bishop's office or the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Rev. James Stevenson spoke about the new Clergy Excellence Leadership scholarships.

Rev. Leanne Shaw and Rev. Amy Aiken presented an LGBTQIA+ Statement to let the body know the policy that the Board aspires to live into in examining candidates for ministry.

Rev. Ken Suhr, chair of the Order of Elders, and Rev. Colleen Windham-Hughes, chair of the Order of Deacon, were introduced.

Rev. Randa D'Aoust, from the Archives and History Committee, offered names of those who have reached milestone years of ministry service. Those completing service for 60, 50, 35, 25 years of service as an Elder had their names lifted up.

Rev. Kim reported that this was the conclusion of the Board's report related to Disciplinary Questions. Bishop Hagiya thanked the Board for their hard work.

Rev. Mark Morrows was recognized with questions on the status of two clergy colleagues.

Rev. Ed Hansen offered thanks to Cathy Wilson for including information about Elder Pastors in the handout and encouraged the gathering to review the information.

Rev. David Palmer asked about the validity of the LGBTQIA+ document presented by the Board. Bishop Hagiya responded, affirming it stands because the language is aspirational, it does not say that we are going to defy disciplinary ruling. Rev. Garner shared that the document merely states the way the Board reviews candidates and wants to be transparent.

Bishop Hagiya offered a prayer over the gathering as they concluded the session.