

160th Session of the California-Nevada Annual Conference – Sacramento, California,
June 17-21, 2008

Extending Christ's Invitation for a Joyous Life

The Daily Summary of Friday, June 20, 2008

Morning Plenary

Fixing of Appointments, Golden Gate District (Jane Schlager & Bishop Shamana)

Results from Ballot No. 2, Episcopal Nominees:

Total Ballots Votes Cast 779 (Needed for Election 390)

Thomas (Ted) E. Virts 276 Tom Kimball 91

Renaë Extrum-Fernandez 222 Siosifa Hingano 140

Bishop: "Shall the Annual Conference continue to ballot in order to nominate ministers for Episcopal election?" Hand Vote: Yes.

Bishop responded "from memory" to an inquiry about the current composition of College of Bishops: 21 women, including 4 African American women, and 1 Hispanic woman; 30-35 African American bishops, including the 4 women; 2 Hispanic bishops, 1 being a women; 2 Korean bishops, both men; and a number of Filipino bishops (probably 6, including retired), of whom all are men; 1 East Indian; and 1 Japanese-American, both male; the rest are white male.

Consent Calendar:

Twenty-Two items on the Consent Calendar.

Two resolutions submitted to Conference did not receive the votes necessary for Consent Calendar.

Amendments adopted in Sections are included on the distributed Consent Calendar.

Section E (Chuck Johnstone): All Section E Items were approved for Consent Calendar: Nos. 3, 10, 22.

Section A (Jim Taylor): All Section A Items were approved for Consent Calendar: Nos. 1, 2, 43, 19.

Ballot No. 3

Presentation of Conference Staff:

Diane Knudsen introduced Administrative Staff. Bishop introduced Conference Ministry Staff.

Poeticus Interruptus: Lorraine MacNeal read "As Befits a Man" by Langston Hughes.

CCOM Reports: "Extending Christ's Invitation with Our Ministries"

Reports from Older Adult Ministries, Youth and Camping & Retreat Ministries, Christmas Institute.

Results from Ballot No. 3, Episcopal Nominees:

Total Ballots Votes Cast 660 (Needed for Election 316)

Thomas (Ted) E. Virts 292 Tom Kimball 45

Renaë Extrum-Fernandez 200 Siosifa Hingano 93

Bishop: "Shall the Annual Conference continue to ballot in order to nominate ministers for episcopal election." Hand Vote: Yes.

CCOM Reports (continued):

Bishop's Initiative and Committee on Children and Poverty, Higher Education and Campus Ministry, Stewardship Associates, Youth Ministries, Volunteers in Mission.

Ballot No. 4

Poeticus Interruptus: Lorraine MacNeal read Grace Paley's poem, "Here."

Board of Discipleship Report

Bishop's Award: Chuck Myer

Afternoon Plenary

Fixing of Appointments, Golden Gate District (Jerry Smith & Bishop Shamana)

Results from Ballot No. 4, Episcopal Nominees:

Total Ballots Votes Cast 680 (Needed for Election 341)

Elected: Thomas (Ted) E. Virts 352 Tom Kimball 31

Renaë Extrum-Fernandez 222 Siosifa Hingano 75

Bishop: "Would you like to continue to vote in order to elect more Episcopal nominees?"

Hand Vote: Uncertain; Standing Vote: Uncertain; Counted Vote: Yes.

Poeticus Interruptus & The Dance: Mariellen Yoshino read “Heat Wave” by Steve Garnass-Holmes, and Martina Young led the dance.

Retired Clergy Association Scholarships: Eun-Joo Myung, Edna Andres

Bishop’s Award: Blanche Farnam

Ballot No. 5

Conference Lay Leader’s Address, Pete W. Taylor: “Extending Christ’s Invitation with Our Time”

Commission on Religion and Race, Melvin Talbert Award for Racial Justice: Pete W. Taylor

Acknowledgements of VIM Mission Team Assignments

Results from Ballot No. 5, Episcopal Nominees:

Total Ballots Votes Cast 599 (Needed for Election 300)

Tom Kimball 74

Renaë Extrum-Fernandez 378 elected

Siosifa Hingano 147

Bishop: “Shall the Annual Conference continue to ballot in order to nominate ministers for Episcopal election?” Hand Vote: No. The election is ended.

Bishop & Plenary recognized Bishop Bill Dew and Mitzi Dew

Commissioning of the Philippines Solidarity & Pastoral Team

United Methodist Women

Poeticus Interruptus & The Dance: Mariellen Yoshino read “Sometimes When We Pray” by Steve Garnass-Holmes, and Martina Young led the dance.

Clergy Development Task Force–Sabbatical Recommendations:

Craig Patterson (focus on public policy issues) and Mike Turgeon (focus on social justice issues).

Episcopal Greetings from Bishop Swenson and Cal-Pac Conference to Bishop Shamana

Bishop’s Award: Terry Haug

Process for Jurisdictional Pool Candidates

Board of Ordained Ministry:

Council on Clergy Development, Council on Congregational development

Board of the UM Publishing House/Cokesbury: UMPH contribution to Clergy Pension and Support.

Hmong Ministries: Celebration of Twentieth Anniversary Year 2007

Bishop’s Award: Katherine Kim

Bishop & Plenary recognized Bishop Roy Sano

Section B (Lauren Chaffee): Two Section E Items were approved for Consent Calendar: Nos. 4,5, Item 20: Affirmation of Marriage Equality in California. Discussion. Hand Vote: Yes

Section C (Donna Wood): All Section E Items were approved for Consent Calendar: Nos. 6, 7.

Item 21: Commendation of Retired Clergy Volunteering to Conduct Same-Gender Marriages Discussion. Amendments. Hand Vote: Yes.

Motion to reconsider for purposes of allowing adequate discussion. Hand Vote: Yes.

Fixing of Appointments, Golden Gate District (Benoni Silva-Netto & Bishop Shamana)

Poeticus Interruptus & The Dance: Mariellen Yoshino read lines by Hafiz, 14th century poet, “Even after all this time, the sun never says to the earth...” and Martina Young led the dance.