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Report Tracks Legislation Considered by 2010 Annual Conference Session

A report has been posted to the [2010 Annual Conference Session News](#) page, showing what happened with each piece of legislation which was before the 2010 Annual Conference Session.

Navigate there by clicking on "Annual Conference Session" (the first item under "Quick Links" on the right side of the Home Page at cnumc.org), then click on "2010 Annual Conference Session News" (in the menu on the right side of the new page).

The link to the [Legislation Outcomes \(tracking report\)](#) is located just below the Rethink Rock video.

The report shows each Item considered by the 2010 Annual Conference Session. An "x" in the "YES" column denotes passage; an "x" in the "NO" column signifies that the item did not pass. If item is marked "consent" it was approved as part of the Consent Calendar; numbers show the vote in the section which considered the item and placed it on the Consent Calendar. The "FOLLOW-UP" column indicates the party or parties responsible for action(s) as a result of passage of an item.

You may view the action for yourself by watching videos of the LIVE STREAM of the 2010 California-Nevada Annual Conference Session, housed in [REEL Witness](#), the video library on the Conference website at cnumc.org.

You'll find a direct link to REEL Witness under "Areas of Interest" on the right-side menu on the Home Page.

Updated: More Videos From Annual Conference Session Uploaded

Nearly all the videos from the LIVE STREAM of the 2010 California-Nevada Annual Conference Session now have been uploaded to [REEL Witness](#), the video library on the Conference website at cnumc.org.

Added last week:

Thursday Afternoon Plenary Session (includes presentation of the first Bishop's Award)

Thursday Afternoon presentation by Bishop Robert Schnase

Thursday Evening presentation by Bishop Robert Schnase

Interview with Youth Delegate (Chris Newell)
Friday Morning Worship (includes "Dancing" video)
Friday Morning Plenary Session # 1 (includes the Fixing of Appointments Beyond the Local Church)
Friday Morning Plenary Session # 2 (includes presentation of the second Bishop's Award)
Friday Morning Plenary Session # 3 (includes the Treasurer's Report)
Friday Morning Plenary Session # 4 (begins Sections Reports, with Section B. Includes action on Item 8, Number of Districts; Item 9, Suspension of Section V of the Standing Rules; and Item 39, Discontinuation of Hamilton UMC.)
Interview with Translator (Mary Dalton)

Added this week:

Friday Morning Plenary Session # 5 (conclusion of Section B Report)
Friday Morning Plenary Session # 6 (beginning of Section C Report)
Friday Afternoon Plenary Session # 1 (conclusion of Section C Report)
Friday Afternoon Plenary Session # 2 (the Fixing of Appointments in the Bridges District)
Friday Afternoon Plenary Session # 3 (Section D Report, including discussion and action on Item 10, Registration Fee for Annual Conference Session)
Friday Afternoon Plenary Session # 4 (beginning presentation by Israel-Palestine Task Force)
Friday Afternoon Plenary Session # 5 (beginning of Section E Report, including discussion and action on Item 18, Recommendation to Sell Golden Gate District Parsonage)
Friday Afternoon Plenary Session # 6 (discussion and action on the 2011 Conference Budget)
Friday Afternoon Plenary Session # 7 (includes presentations of the third Bishop's Award, the Talbert Award, the Asbury Award, and scholarships)
Friday Afternoon Plenary Session # 8 (includes recommendations to discontinue Rising Hope UMC in Alameda and Faith UMC in San Leandro)
Friday Afternoon Plenary Session # 9 (introduction of items considered by Section A)
Friday Afternoon Plenary Session # 10 (the Fixing of Appointments in the Great Northern District)
Friday Afternoon Plenary Session # 11 (continuation/completion of Israel-Palestine Task Force petition presentation, along with reports on The Advance, the Western Jurisdiction response to Haiti, Imagine No Malaria and Rethink Church – with appearances by David Malloy, Brian Diggs of UMCOR West and Jennifer Rodia of United Methodist Communications.)
Friday Evening Plenary Session (conclusion of Section A Report, including discussion and action on Item 3, Proposal to Direct Bill Active Clergy Pension Costs)
Friday Evening: "Slam Dunk Malaria" (25 minutes of the Bishop's Reception/fundraiser for Imagine No Malaria)
Saturday Morning Worship and Plenary (includes the Fixing of Appointments in El Camino Real District, Historical Questions to the Ordinands, BOOM and Order of Elders reports, and Kids at Conference)
Saturday Morning Plenary (presentation of the fourth and final Bishop's Award of the 2010 Annual Conference Session)

The remaining videos will be uploaded in the coming week.

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Camping Ministry Needs Your Help!

Wish you weren't too old to go to camp? Go as a volunteer!

With camp just around the corner, the California-Nevada Annual Conference Camping Program still has some staff positions which **MUST** be filled. Please prayerfully consider serving Cal-Nevada camps this summer for one week as a volunteer. You will make a huge impact on the life of a youth.

Toyon Camps (July 10-16) is in need of a Health Care Provider. Minimum Requirements: current First Aid, current CPR, and some experience working with kids. Training will be provided and an available nurse/doctor will be on call.

Toyon LIT Program is in need of a Male Support Counselor. Must be at least 21 years of age; experience with high school-age youth preferred.

Lodestar Camps (July 17-24):

Super Kids' Camp is in need of Male Counselors. Must be 16 years of age and have a desire and/or experience to work with children.

Super Camp is in need of both female and male counselors to work with the Junior High-age campers. Must be at least 20 Years of age.

Lodestar Senior High Leadership Camp (July 31-August 6) is in need of one male and two female counselors to work with high school-age youth. Must be at least 22 years of age and have experience with high school-age youth.

Please contact Kelly Newell, 916.374.1515 or kellyn@calnevumc.org, for more information.

Deadline Is Near for 'Disney Keys to Excellence' Event in Modesto

The deadline to register for The Disney Keys to Excellence workshop for lay and clergy is Thursday, **July 15**.

Don't miss out on the chance to take advantage of proven Disney strategies and techniques that can help you become a stronger leader. Sign up now for the one-day Disney Institute workshop, taking place Thursday, August 12, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Centenary United Methodist Church in Modesto.

Through experiencing successful Disney processes and the organizational structure that supports them, you can develop leadership action steps that will help you analyze your organizational vision and individual leadership behaviors, learn how to effectively communicate your vision and examine personal methods for inspiring others, and explore the results of involving people and of positive partnering among teams.

This exceptional workshop from the Disney Institute is brought to you by the Central Extension Society and Fresno DCOM. Clergy who attend will qualify for one Continuing Education Unit (CEU) – however, the seminar is **NOT** just for clergy! Pastors are encouraged to enroll their leadership teams, even if they themselves aren't able to attend.

Cost is just \$50 per person.

For more information download [flyer](#) or call 209.527.5441.

Centenary UMC is located at 1911 Toyon Avenue, Modesto, CA 95350.

CLayM Now Accepting Applications

The Conference Lay Minister (CLayM) program is now ready to receive applications – both for the traditional program, CLayMAway, and also for the new **CLayM@Home**, which allows participants to study largely on line or by DVD. The same application will be used for both programs.

It is anticipated that the first cycle of **CLayM@Home** will get underway by September 1st, with a second cycle scheduled to begin January 1st.

Here's the timetable:

First Cycle

Session 1 should be completed in six (6) weeks – September through mid-October

Session 1 Retreat will be held in mid-October

Session 2 should be completed in two (2) months – November through January

Session 2 Retreat will be held at the end of January

Second Cycle

Session 1 should be completed in six (6) weeks – January through mid-February

Session 1 Retreat will be held in mid-February

Session 2 should be completed in two (2) months – March through May

Session 2 Retreat will be held at the end of May

CLayM@Home promo DVDs and brochures are available on request. (Email claym-home@aol.com to order.)

CLayMAway is scheduled for November 8-12 and January 17-21 (The January class is a continuation of the November class. There will be no new entries for January CLayMAway except by special request from a DS.) CLayMAway will be a group setting, with teachers making presentations "live."

Both programs – CLayMAway and **CLayM@Home** – can result in eligibility for "Certified Lay Minister" assignment, if desired.

Register Now for October Leadership Institute With Adam Hamilton

Get a jump on next year's California-Nevada Annual Conference Session – join 2011 ACS guest speaker Adam Hamilton, the staff of the Church of the Resurrection, and thousands of United Methodists from around the country to "Prepare for a Future with Hope" at Leadership Institute 2010, October 7-8, in Leawood, Kansas.

Sign up by Saturday and save lots of money!

Leadership Institute is an annual event that draws huge numbers of UM lay and clergy leaders for two days of teaching, worship, and networking. Because record numbers are anticipated this year, a **Super Early Bird Deadline of July 10** has been established, which offers "extra deep discounts" – so don't wait to sign up!

Special Discounts also are available for young adults, and leaders of new churches.

Find out more at www.cor.org/institute10.

Mission Education Is for Everyone!

By Connie Hunter

President, California-Nevada Annual Conference United Methodist Women

It's not too late to register for the annual Mission Education event to be held at University of the Pacific (UOP) in Stockton the weekend of August 6-8. Although the Mission Education event is sponsored by United Methodist Women, everyone is welcome – men as well as women.

Participating will bring back memories of halcyon days in college – when our meals were prepared and dishes washed for us, when we lived on campus and walked to class, and when we were challenged by new ideas and information, and enjoyed hours of conversation with others about our latest insight or discovery.

Come learn about the "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan" so that you will be better able to make sense of the news about Sudan and Darfur. Or join the spiritual growth class, "For the Love of God: Epistles of John." (Many of us are quite familiar with the Gospel of John, but what about John's letters? Were they written by the same person?) Or how about the class "Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity": Are mission and evangelism the same? What are the theological underpinnings for mission?

Classes will be offered in Korean, Spanish, and English at UOP.

To register and/or to download brochure with information about the study leaders, go to <http://www.cnumw.org> and scroll down the page, then click on "Click here for 2010."

There isn't much time left to register – so do it now!

In addition to the weekend Mission Education event at UOP, there will be a one-day event on Saturday, August 28 at Millbrae New Vision UMC and another one-day event on Saturday, September 18 at Merced UMC. The one-day events will offer participants a brief session on each of the study topics and serve as a good introduction to the study topics.

For more information please visit <http://www.cnumw.org/mission.ed.2.1.09.htm>.

August 10 Is Deadline to Apply for Ethnic Local Church Grants

WASHINGTON, D.C. – August 10 is the deadline to apply for an Ethnic Local Church Grant from the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society (GBCS). The grants are to strengthen ethnic minority local churches through education, advocacy, or leadership development as they engage in social justice.

To qualify for grant consideration, applicants must be either:

- a United Methodist local church, district, Annual Conference, racial/ethnic caucus, or other affiliated ethnic group/organization; or
- an ecumenical group/organization working with and through at least one United Methodist agency or organization whose program has an impact on at least one United Methodist ethnic minority local church.

Two funding periods are available for consideration: August 10 is deadline for the October cycle and January 10, 2011 is the deadline for the March cycle. The Ethnic Local Church Committee makes grant recommendations to GBCS's Board of Directors.

Chronic social problems

Grant recipients must be programs initiated by, or developed in partnership with, one or more United Methodist ethnic minority local churches. Racial/ethnic persons shall be the majority of those served by the program.

The project must focus on needs identified by ethnic local churches as they address one or more chronic social problems or concerns, such as housing, employment, health care, human rights, education, the environment, and racism. The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church contained in its Book of Discipline, (§§s 160-165) can provide more information on denominational social justice positions.

All applicants must have a supervisory board consisting of a majority of ethnic minority persons that shall make all policy decisions.

Each funding request will be considered on its own merits with no required minimum or maximum amount. All funding from GBCS must be used for programmatic components and not for salaries, purchase of equipment, purely administrative costs, and direct delivery of services or building construction.

Start-up money

The intent of the grants program is to provide start-up money. Therefore, priority goes to first-time applicants.

Priority consideration also shall be given to programs that are part of a Comprehensive Plan of an Annual Conference.

For more information contact [the Rev. Neal Christie](#), GBCS assistant general secretary for education and leadership formation, at 202.488.5611 – or visit www.umc-gbcs.org and click on the Leadership Development tab, and then on "GBCS Grants."

State of the Church Report Is Available to Read

The 2010 State of the Church report is now available. View the data and download the PDF at www.umc.org/sotc2010.

You can also view the report online at http://issuu.com/gunderwood/docs/sotc_final.

This report is a collaborative effort of the Connectional Table, the Council of Bishops, and the General Council on Finance and Administration – with production assistance from United Methodist Communications. A printed version will be included in the July-August edition of *Interpreter* magazine.

General Conference 2012 Theme, Logo Selected

Nashville, Tenn. – The Commission on the General Conference has selected "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ to Transform the World" as the theme for The United Methodist Church's 2012 General Conference, scheduled for April 24-May 4 in Tampa, Florida.

The theme echoes the mission of The United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world as a way of aligning the General Conference with the denomination's central missions – so that the conference is not a one-time event, but a part of the ongoing ministry of the Church.

A committee of representatives from the Commission on the General Conference and the Council of Bishops was charged with making recommendations for a theme and logo to the full commission for approval. Once a theme was selected, the United Methodist Publishing House's design team developed logo proposals for consideration.

"We sensed that people across the church are longing for clarity about our mission, and we believed that the theme of the General Conference should reinforce and celebrate that mission," said Jim Harnish, a member of the commission and chair of the committee. "We hope that the Spirit of God will use this theme to unite and energize our people to fulfill this mission and enable us to set clear priorities for the use of our resources."

The logo which complements the theme depicts a graphic image of the cross (representing the presence of Jesus Christ at the center of our mission) with circles extending from the cross (expressing energy and movement into ministry in the world), imposed against a bright sun and blue water (representing Tampa, Florida as the conference site). The imperative verbs "make" and "transform" underscore the urgency of the mission and call for active response.

The Commission also announced that the official General Conference 2012 website will be gc2012.umc.org. The site is expected to be available by early fall.

Click here for a [graphic of the logo and more detailed interpretation](#) of the theme.

About General Conference 2012

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. The 1000-member assembly meets once every four years to consider revisions to Church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for Churchwide programs for the next four years. The 2012 meeting will take place April 24-May 4 at the Tampa Convention Center.

United Methodist Church Lifts Sanctions From Claremont School of Theology

CLAREMONT, Calif. – The University Senate of The United Methodist Church announced on June 25 that it is lifting its sanctions from Claremont School of Theology, reinstating the School's full affiliation with The United Methodist Church and unfreezing church funding to the School.

"We are extremely pleased that the University Senate has affirmed our School and our mission," said Rev. Dr. Jerry D. Campbell, president of the school. "I think that the review came about in the first place because some people were worried that we were turning a United Methodist-related seminary into something very different. But we were able to show the review committee that we have no such plans."

Full Statement available at: <http://www.cst.edu/news/2010/06/26/sanctions-lifted/>

Digital Media Culture Has Created Need for New Positions, UCom Says in Naming Executive Directors

Nashville, Tenn. – United Methodist Communications, the communications agency for The United Methodist Church, has filled two executive director positions. Tim Tanton, former director of the agency's media group and current interim executive director of content, has been named executive director of content. Kay Panovec, communications director of the East Ohio (regional) Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, will join the agency as executive director of new media.

"Both Kay and Tim bring to these positions extraordinary professional experience and passion for communications ministry," says the Rev. Larry Hollon, chief executive of United Methodist Communications. "Their collaborative talents will empower the agency to advance in the creation and distribution of content that will serve, with greater relevance, the Church and the people we seek to reach."

Hollon says the global shift toward electronic communication, social media, and the demand for relevant content defines the scope of the two positions.

"Our clearer focus on digital media will allow us to serve audiences electronically with a timelier, more relevant flow of content," says Hollon. The General Commission on Communication approved re-configuring the agency to emphasize cross-agency focus on content in its fall (2009) meeting. It also laid the foundation for a strategic plan incorporating new media.

Panovec will oversee these digital distribution efforts, which include the agency's web ministry and special initiatives. Tanton will direct content creation and United Methodist News Service, in addition to *Interpreter* magazine, the agency's multilingual outreach, and Central Conference Communications Initiative. Both directors will join the general secretary and the executive director of finance and administration in leading the agency's overall communications strategy.

Tanton has nearly three decades' experience as a communicator. He has worked as a local news reporter and as business editor for the *Nashville Banner*, earning multiple awards from the Tennessee Press Association. Since joining United Methodist Communications as news editor in 1997, Tanton has seen his responsibilities expand greatly to include directing the agency's convergent media: United Methodist News Service, *Interpreter* magazine, Spanish and Korean-language resource ministries, audio and radio efforts, and an initiative to train and equip communicators in Africa, Europe, and Asia. Among his honors are awards from the Associated Church Press and the United Methodist Association of Communicators for coverage of the Church's work in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa.

Panovec has served since 1997 as communications director for the Church's East Ohio Annual Conference. She launched the Conference's website, edited its magazine, and served as a leader in crisis management, spokesperson development, and Rethink Church advertising and

welcoming training. Her outreach to youth included planning and production for the Conference's Youth Jam events. Prior to joining the East Ohio Annual Conference, Panovec served local United Methodist churches as a program director and as a director of Christian education. Her experience at the local and Conference levels gives her insight into the unique communications needs of those bodies.

Tanton and Panovec begin their new roles on July 16 and July 12, respectively.

Inspirational Novel Is Published by Cal-Nev Retired Elder

The Rev. M. Angelo Fazio, a retired elder in the California-Nevada Annual Conference now living in the Boston area, has published an inspirational novel which is available for purchase through Cokesbury, Amazon, and retail outlets as well as through the publisher, OakTara.

The Ascent of Mount Mandala is the story of Mishel, a young member of the Myrnians – a race of climbers compelled to climb by virtue of their very nature. It has long been Mishel's dream to ascend the mist-shrouded Mount Mandala, the highest and most sacred peak known to his people. His journey takes dangerous and unexpected twists, however, after he finds a mysterious book hidden deep within the Myrnian archives.

According to a publicity sheet, *The Ascent of Mount Mandala* is Fazio's "mythic expression of [his] quest to discover what it means to be a spiritual and whole human being." His ministry as an ordained member of clergy "has often led him to be in community with those who are considered marginal and small in the eyes of the world," his publisher states. "In a very polarized either/or world, he has sought the truth both in the stillness of monastic cloister and the cry of Haiti's poor."

Originally Roman Catholic, Fazio came to the California-Nevada Annual Conference in 1995 to serve at Ely United Methodist Church. In 1999 he was ordained an Elder in Full Connection and continued to serve at Ely before being appointed to Sonoma UMC in 2002, where he served until his retirement in 2005. Currently he is working on a theological work titled *The Birth of Integral Christianity* and a "psycho-spiritual autobiography," *Deceived No Longer*.

Download [flyer](#) (in PDF format) here.

Click here to read [sample chapter](#) of *The Ascent of Mount Mandala* (in PDF format).

Cal-Nev's Michael Christensen Contributes to New Book in Nouwen 'Spiritual Trilogy' Series

"After two years in editorial development, our new book, *Spiritual Formation: Following the Movements of the Spirit*, by Henri Nouwen [with Michael J. Christensen and Rebecca Laird], goes on sale in bookstores and online," announces the Rev. Dr. Michael Christensen, an elder in the California-Nevada Annual Conference serving in Extension Ministry as National Director of The Shalom Initiative at Drew University Theological School.

Published by HarperOne, "it is the second in a Spiritual Trilogy of books we are developing from the Nouwen archives in cooperation with the Henri Nouwen Literary Trust," Christensen says. (The first was *Spiritual Direction*, in 2006; next will be *Spiritual Discernment*.)

Read how [HarperCollins profiles the new book](#).

Read a [description of the new book](#) on Christensen's blog.

[Amazon.com](#) currently is offering the book at a 34% discount.

Revised Book Incorporates Feedback Received Since 2007

A revised edition of *Watching Over One Another In Love: A Wesleyan Model for Ministry Assessment* incorporates additional material based on feedback the author received since the book was first released in 2007.

The book, published by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, was written and revised by the Rev. Gwendolynn Purushotham, senior pastor at Main Street United Methodist Church in Nashua, New Hampshire. Formerly director of clergy supervision and accountability with GBHEM, Purushotham has extensive experience in issues related to ministerial supervision and oversight, assessing clergy effectiveness, and congregational leadership.

"This book offers United Methodist congregations a model for assessing the ministry of their clergy and lay leadership that is grounded in a covenant of mutual support and accountability," said Hendrik Pieterse, GBHEM's director of Scholarly Research and Book Editor.

Drawing on Wesleyan themes of grace and responsibility, Purushotham provides step-by-step guidance for creating a covenant-based ministry assessment process that holds persons accountable for fruit-bearing faith, while enabling the experience of ministry assessment to be edifying for both the church and the pastor.

This book will be useful for staff-parish relations committees and clergy and lay leadership teams in United Methodist congregations; bishops, cabinets, and district superintendents; persons pursuing ordained ministry and those mentoring them in the process; and faculty teaching United Methodist polity and pastoral care.

Bishop Marcus Matthews, episcopal leader of the Upper New York Annual Conference and president of GBHEM, said the book is a "must-read" for any bishop, district superintendent, or Board of Ordained Ministry and staff parish relation committee serious about providing a tool to help support and hold clergy accountable in The United Methodist Church.

"The author offers an excellent theological framework for why we watch over one another in love. This book offers practical help that can be used in group discussions. The Rev. Purushotham's treatment of ministry assessment is a fresh approach for any person in a supervisory position," Matthews said.

The revised edition, available in August from GBHEM, can be pre-ordered from Cokesbury at www.cokesbury.com or 1.800.672.1789 for \$12.95. The ISBN number is 978-0-938162-72-8.

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