The Clergy Session was called to order by Bishop Minerva Carcaño and the bar was set. The Rev. Elizabeth Brick, chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, moved the following:

That the Bishop’s administrative assistant, Sandy Royall, be admitted to Clergy Session and that Adrian Pell, who is operating our visuals today and members of the GNTV crew remain present to assist with the technology; and that Paul Extrum-Fernandez join us for Item 48, as the Executive Director of the Board of Pensions, to honor those who have passed this year; and finally that the spouses and family members of our retired clergy be authorized to join us at item 48 to honor our colleagues who have passed this year and to hear their loved ones’ retirement speeches.

The motions were approved. It was moved and approved to set the bar separating those who could vote from those who could not vote.

Elizabeth Brick gave greetings and thanked the many members of the Board, the Cabinet, the Bishop and Conference Secretary Kristin Sachen for their work on the Business of the Annual Conference report.

The Conference Secretary invited persons who had corrections to use the form provided and turn in to her rather than to make corrections in the Session.

The chair introduced Hyesung Lee, chair of the District Chairs, to present the 2017 candidates for Provisional Membership.

Candidate for Commissioning and Provisional Membership on the Deacon track

Kenneth Schoon

Candidates for Commissioning and Provisional Membership on the Elder track

Elizabeth Cademartori
Caitlin Hamilton
Robert Gilberg
Mei Na Ko
Rajiv Pathik
Jonathan Visitacion

After the candidates left the room, Hyesung Lee announced that the Board moves each one to be commissioned. Each one was supported in the motion. They were invited to return to be welcomed and congratulated.

Steve Pudinski was presented and Hyesung Lee moved to approve him as an Associate Member of the California-Nevada Annual Conference. The Bishop asked for the vote and the motion was supported.

Elizabeth Brick then introduced Kristen Marshall and Susan Hunn, co-chairs of Residents in Ministry Committee. They then presented the persons recommended for ordination and full connection.
Ordination as Deacon in Full Connection

Donna Jeanne Farrell
David DongSeong Ko

Ordination as Elder in Full Connection

Suzanne Calhoun
Chelsea Temple Constant
Laumanu Foloke Ika
Youngmi Jung
Tikiko Namata Lesuma
Ani Missirian-Dill
Matthew Alexander Pearson
‘Ofa Frederica Uepi
Thomas Widlund

Each presented a video or spoke regarding their call to ordained leadership.

Kris Marshall led us in prayer and the ordinands left the room. The Board moved their Ordination and Full Connection one by one and all recommendations were supported. The new ordinands were welcomed back into the room and were warmly welcomed by their colleagues.

The Business of the Annual Conference was then before us. There were 30 copies for those who had trouble seeing the video screens; everyone else would follow along with the items on the screens. Items were not taken in numerical order but in the order shown below.

Persons listed in Question 29 (a) and (b), the deacons and elders in provisional membership who are already in preparation for ordination, were pointed out and any corrections were asked for.

Item No. 20 – approved by minimum ¾ vote.

Item 21. (a) Full time Local Pastors and (b) LFT Local Pastors. Acceptance of all listed was moved. All received the minimum ¾ approval.

Item 24(a) and (b), Ministers from other conferences serving in our conference were acknowledged.

Item 25, Clergy from Other Christian denominations serving in our conference were moved and supported by majority approval.

Item 26(b), Mark Lancaster was moved and supported as an affiliate member from Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference since 2010.

Item 27, Associate Member Stephen Pudinski was previously supported by a minimum ¾ approval.

Item 18 a – Admin Review Committee, the same people as last year, was listed for information only.

Item 18 b – The members of the Conference Relations Committee were noted.

Item 18 c – Members of the Committee on Investigation were moved and supported.
Item 17. District Superintendent Debra Brady, dean of the Cabinet, reviewed the character of clergy.

Allen Yan Chamberlin, chair of the Conference Relations Committee, was introduced to lead us through the remaining items.

Item 46.b Brenda Vaca, Elder in Full Connection, has withdrawn from the ministerial office. Dr. Jeffrey Kuan led in prayer. Her withdrawal was moved and supported.

Item 50 Leaves of absence. *Voluntary Personal* (a.1) leaves, less than 5 years, was moved and supported. *Voluntary Family Leave* (a.3), less than 5 years, was moved and supported.

Item 50 b *Involuntary leave* was approved by 2/3 vote.

Item 51, Sabbatical leave, was recommended and supported for Eileen Lindsay.

Item 52, Medical leave, persons were recommended and supported.

Item 72.a, persons serving less than full time, were supported by 2/3 minimum approval. Catherine Morris and Sangyil Park received the required 3/4 minimum approval.

Item 48 (c) and (e), Paul Extrum- Fernandez read the names of our retired elders and local pastor who died during the past conference year. The Bishop offered a prayer.

Elizabeth Brick reminded us that we need to elect our co-chairs of the Order of Elders. Kathy La Point, Michael Yoshii, and Siosifa Hingano were moved and elected.

It was recommended that Cate Noellert continue to serve as chair of the Order of Deacons and she was duly elected.

Allen Yan-Chamberlin introduced Item 53 (a) and (c) and Item 56 (a) listing our retired Deacons, Elders and Local Pastor:

**Deacons**

Dawn Boyd
Alice Ann Glenn

**Elders**

Afuhio Akolo
Mark Stewart Bollwinkel
Thomas Wayne Butler
Heather Leslie Hammer
Dixie L. Jennings-Teats
Robert S. Jennings-Teats
Odette Lockwood-Stewart
Linda Loessberg-Zahl
Gary Lynn McAnally
Jane E. Schlager
Paul David Schlager
Dante L Simon – Par. 357.3 2/3 vote supported
Mark Randall Wharf
All were unanimously approved. Those who chose to speak, did so.

It was then moved by Elizabeth Brick approval of all that has been accomplished in this Clergy Session, which was supported. The Session was then adjourned.