

2018 AC Clergy Session

The Clergy Session was called to order by Bishop Carcaño who then led us in prayer.

The Bishop then made clear that only clergy are allowed to be present. That includes Elders and Deacons in Full Connection, Provisional Members and Local Pastors. In addition there are several laity she requested be present: the Bishop's administrative assistant, Laura Roberson, and Adrian Pell, who is operating our visuals today and members of the GNTV crew remain present to assist with the technology; and Renee Tefft, Database Coordinator; Paul Extrum-Fernandez from the Board of Pensions join us for Item 48; Ron Grace Co-Chair of the ElCamino Real DCOM, Board of Ordained Ministry. The motion was passed.

Bishop expressed thanks to Elizabeth Brick who served faithfully as the Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry until she became ill and stepped back in order to get well. Jeffery Hall stepped up to take the position and we thank him very much.

Jeffrey Hall, chair of BOOM, said he was honored to report the work performed by the District Committees and the full Board.

Gathering of the Orders Kathy La Pointe-Collup reported that Mt. Hermon become too difficult to manage by those with disabilities, and they are changing what they have open during the winter. The planning committee has arranged with First UMC Modesto to host us in 2019. The Double Tree and another hotel will house us. The dates are January 29-31 2019.

Election of Provisional Members and those to be ordained.

28-32, 33=4

Those recommended for Provisional Membership and Commissioning and approved individually:

Deacons: Alyse Marie Swanson, Salamasina (Sina) Vuna

Elder track: Andrew Davis, Sungrae Kim, Sanghyun Lee

Kristin Marshall and Susan Hunn, co-chairs of Readiness In Ministry, recommended and the body approved the following for ordination as Elder in full connection (each gave 3 minute talk on what they love about ministry)

Vathanak Heang
Burke Van Deventer Owens
Jay C. Parr III
Jose Manuel Ramos
Sandra Michelle Robbins
Sandra Valerian Sanders-West
Hae-Jeong Yoon

Those continuing as Provisional Members are:
Elizabeth Angeline Cademartori
Robert Gilberg

Caithlin Hamilton
Mei Na Ko
Jamie Michaels
Rajiv Pathik
Kenneth Schoon
Latulala Toetu'u
Robin Rae Wells
Jonathan Visitacion

Item #42 Involuntary Discontinuance of a Provisional Member. Conference Relations chair, Administrative Review Committee met to receive the decision of the RIM concerning Kalolaine Lavalu-Afu. They met June 6 2018 to carefully analyze, evaluate and insure that the entire procedure for discontinuation was followed. The Administrative Review found that the provisions of the Discipline were followed. Fair process was properly followed. It is recommended that she be discontinued as a provisional member.

Question: Is it appropriate for her to be here? The Bishop responded it was not. Kalolaine Lavalu-Afu then left the room.

Sifa Hingano – There is a straight line in western thinking; however a straight line can be a curved line. Why is she being appointed? Answer: Because the BOOM felt she could be appointed as local pastor, but was not qualified to be an Elder.

Question: Does she know that she could return as a candidate? Jeffrey Hall responded that she has been made fully aware, including the disciplinary paragraphs.

Clarification: that our vote would discontinue her. Yes.

Question: Has she had a Tongan mentor? How has the Board been culturally sensitive? Jeffrey Hall responded that she had a Tongan mentor.

Question: I understand it isn't appropriate to share concerns. What year is she?

Jeffrey: She is finishing her 4th year as elder, and had a couple years before that as a deacon.

It was moved to support the Board's recommendation; it was Approved

Fel Cao: this is painful, may we offer a prayer? He then does so.

Report on local pastors:

Item #20 contains those who have completed studies but are not appointed. Approved.

Item #21 contains all appointed local pastors. Approved.

A Question was raised concerning Darla Hadrick in 21(d). She has completed seminary but is serving in another annual conference (21d). The Bishop responded that the team would look into where she belongs in the BACS.

Item #24 - informational.

Item #49 – informational.

#25 – Renee Rico was added to the list of clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations approved to serve in the conference. Approved

Item #38 – Three persons transfer into our conference: Craig Brown, Tony Hoefner, Samantha Lewis. Approved.

Item #18a – members of the Administrative Review were elected.

Item #18b – Conference Relations Committee members were elected.

Item #18c – Committee on Investigation members were elected.

Item #17 – reporting only. Debra Brady dean of the Cabinet presented.

Item #46b – Robert Kirk, withdrawal from conference membership (joining another denomination) was approved.

Item #50a.1 approved

#50a.3 approved

Item #51 - Sabbatical leave for Deborah Weatherspoon, approved.

Item #52 - Medical leave for those listed. Approved

Item #48 Paul Extrum-Fernandez, executive officer of the Board of Pensions, read the names of those elders who have died during the year.

Item #53-c Retirements of elders (Juan Saavedra's name should be listed in Item #54) All were approved.

Item #56. Local pastors (no vote) Approved.

Item #72 add Christine Shiber $\frac{3}{4}$, and Wendy Weller $\frac{1}{4}$ time. They were approved. Carol Estes, year 8, at $\frac{3}{4}$ time was approved by more than $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Item 72b – add Donna Farrell, full deacon

Item 76c - approved by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote

8 Year Assessment Report – Susan Smith reported on this resolution from General Conference 2016; it is a new assessment. Every clergy person would do this every 8 years. Creating a process to remove ourselves from our daily business and to discern our current call, our needs and our effectiveness – A Call to Wholeness . If you were ordained in a year ending in 3 or 8, you are celebrating an anniversary. On a 5 year anniversary you'll be invited to a series of retreats. In 2019 we will invite the first class to do this.

This concludes the report from the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Bishop Carcaño and Bay District Superintendent Staci Current gave a report on the situation at Glide Memorial UMC and the anticipated direction forward.