“Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.”
~ Albert Schweitzer

The More Things Stay the Same, The More They Change!

It is Annual Conference Session time once again! We are still feeling our way through the Burlingame facility. We are bit more wiser in our second year!

Things we now know:

Every room has a refrigerator! This means we can bring an ice chest with things like yogurt or milk to make our own breakfasts. Or maybe you just want to stash some snacks or fruit for mid-day or evening.

Room space for a lounge is non-existent. The Endowment Board was able to get a suite for a lounge at the last minute, but we have prepared ahead of time. A lounge will be available in a suite. This saves us money because we can (and will) bring in our own food. Coffee (regular and decaf) and tea will be available along with some snack foods like crackers, cookies and some whole fruit. The room number will be posted at the RCA Display Table and we will announce it at the luncheon on Wednesday.

Our luncheon space is a bit of a hike, but the food was excellent. Since they repaired the air conditioning after our visited last year, it should work JUST FINE this year! (cross your fingers!)

Our luncheon follows the recognition of new retirees when they are given their retiree medallions. Those who are in charge of the lunch are also involved in this important ceremony. Please plan on lunch being served no earlier than 12:30.

It’s crowded in the plenary room! This has been noted by the ACS Planning Commission and thus there will not be tables in the plenary room. Please be ready for that development. We should be able to move around a bit easier.

The ramp for those with wheels, is down to the side of the plenary entrance. As you look at the doors, it will be to your right. There is a stop light to alert you to someone coming up when you’re going down and vice versa.

Lastly, we know that Burlingame in the summer is no where near as hot as Sacramento in the summer!
Grace and Peace to you all. I pray all is well with you and yours as we rejoice in the midst of this Easter season. May the Spirit of the Risen Christ live in us all.

Nigerian author and educator Ifeanyi Enoch Onuoha has written: "The betterment of a community directly depends on the betterment of lives in that community." This quote speaks to the ministry the Retired Clergy Association strives to offer so as to better the lives of all those who are part of our community.

RCA does this through the ministry of the Board and its sub-committees. Additionally, the RCA is grateful for the support of the Endowment Board and the Board of Pensions. One of the ways we seek to better folks lives is to improve the communication among RCA folks, improve communications with Conference Boards and agencies, and support the opportunities to bring retired clergy and surviving spouses together to better the community and the lives of those within the community.

One of the opportunities to gather as community happens at Annual Conference. With the support of the Endowment Board and the Board of Pensions, the Retired Clergy Association underwrites the cost of attending the Annual Conference session. This makes it possible for those who are a part of the RCA who wish to do so to gather as community.

By underwriting the cost of the Annual Luncheon, housing, and travel (in addition to the travel support offered separately by the Annual Conference for travel from great distances) and providing the RCA Lounge, the RCA hopes to enhance the sense of community that comes from gathering together at Annual Conference.

Please note the information regarding Annual Conference found elsewhere in this issue of Days of Grace. It is our sincere hope that the support offered by the Retired Clergy Association will bring a stronger sense of the "betterment of the community" to those who choose to take advantage of this support and attend Annual Conference.

I look forward to seeing you all at Annual Conference.

Be gentle with yourself, with one another, with all creation.

Dave Bennett
GREETINGS and salutations!

I hope you are all enjoying this lovely spring. I have decided that if we are going to be graced with sunny and warm weather instead of much needed rain, I will enjoy it; then take a shorter shower!

We will be having a busy Annual Conference this year. It’s election season once again. Thankfully, there will be no robo-calls or TV ads! We will be electing delegates to both Jurisdictional and General Conferences.

Voting will be done by a device, about the size of a TV remote control, that will count our votes quickly. Not only will this make the job of the pages less hectic, but we will hopefully get faster results and be able to take subsequent votes quickly. The Conference is hoping to get all voting done in one day!

In other news, we just finished our Spring Fling with rave reviews. Dr. Pamela Eisenbaum spoke to us about how the Bible has been passed down through the ages from scroll to eBook. She explained how something as simple as going from scroll to book made the study of the Bible possible. The Bible wasn’t merely copied, but read for greater understanding and could be done so by more than those who could afford an expensive scroll. Now, students of the Bible can even create their own “translation” by selecting which version they want, book by book, chapter by chapter. No need to rely on King James and his version!

Mark your calendars for April 20-21, 2016, April 19-20, 2017 and April 25-28, 2018; our next three Spring Flings. All will be at Christ The King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights, CA. Our next featured speaker will be Harry T. Cook. Rev. Cook is an Episcopal priest who will be giving two presentations. The first is titled, “How Half-Baked Theology Shaped Hymnody and How That Hymnody Shaped Popular Beliefs”. The second presentation is titled “The Jesus of the New Testament: A Composite Character? -- The Evidence and the Consequences”.

I am still looking for folks who are willing to coordinate gatherings in their area. I will provide a list of folks in your area. All you need to do is invite them to an area restaurant or arrange a space for a potluck. No need to have a program or speaker; just time and space to fellowship over lunch. Just let me know when you are gathering and I will be there! If we can coordinate dates to be sure I’m not at a meeting or other area gathering, all the better!

There are currently groups gathering in Sparks/Reno, “North State” meets in Chico, Willows or Colusa, the Santa Rosa group meets mostly in Santa Rosa, the Western Sierras group meets once a year in Colfax, the Stockton group has just started meeting, and the Sacramento group meets all over Sacramento County and sometimes Yolo or Placer counties. If you are in one of these areas and aren’t currently on their mailing list, let me know and I will make sure the coordinators know to invite you. We need coordinators in the San Jose, Fresno, Bakersfield, Santa Cruz, and Oregon. If you are there, or near there, let’s get together!

I look forward to seeing all of you at ACS. More info on ACS is in this issue. Check it all out!

Peace,

Nancy

If you have recently moved, please be sure you send your new contact information (address, phone number(s) and email) so I can update my records.

nancydaley@frontiernet.net
Nancy Daley
9328 Elk Grove Blvd. #105-141
Elk Grove, CA 95624
The Retired Clergy Association, a Conference affiliate organization, represents more than 600 retired clergy and their spouses. Founded in 1992, the Retired Clergy Association maintains communications with and among those who have served the church as pastors and spouses and the boards and agencies of the Annual Conference.

The Annual Luncheon Meeting, held at the Annual Conference Session on June 18, 2014, welcomed twenty new retirees. During the luncheon, RCA awarded four scholarships to Suzanne Calhoun, Dan Gill, S. Michelle Robbins, and Thomas Widlund.

The Spring Fling was held on April 23-24, 2014, at Christ the King Retreat Center. Jim Burklo and Jim Manley guided the retreat in word and music.

Nine members of the RCA traveled to New Orleans from October 31 to November 7, 2014, for the Association’s annual Volunteers in Mission trip to New Orleans.

During 2014, RCA sought new and creative ways to increase its communication with, and among, retirees and clergy spouses. This effort is ongoing. The association continues to work with Conference leadership to determine the ministries in which retirees might participate, such as volunteering as mentors and coaches with active clergy.

The RCA is grateful for the work of our Executive Director, Nancy Daley. Nancy serves many roles in her ministry, including serving as the editor of our newsletter “Days of Grace.”

RCA is very appreciative of the ongoing support of Corey Parish and the Conference Claimants Endowment Board as well as Paul Extrum-Fernandez and the Conference Board of Pensions.

David Bennett, President
Retired Clergy Association

As most of us are aware, the Commission on Archives and History has, for many years, coordinated the Book Exchange at ACS. This tradition will continue this year, with one change suggest by the Commission (and with the support of the RCA Board)...all funds raised from the Book Exchange will go to the Scholarship Program of the RCA.

Stephen Yale and his merry band of helpers will continue to facilitate the Book Exchange. RCA is only being asked to do a couple of things...bring newer and good quality books to be exchanged and, when possible, to volunteer to be present at the Book Exchange table to help with the exchanging of books.

Thanks to the Commission on Archives and History for this generous offer. Let’s support them (and us) by, as we are able, offering our books for exchanging and our presence at the Book Exchange table.
TENTH!!!! Annual RCA UMVIM Trip
New Orleans, Louisiana
October 30-November 8, 2015

When?
October 30 - November 8, 2015. We will make group travel arrangements out of Sacramento or you may make your own.

Cost?
About $700-$800. Includes flight, housing, most food, ground transportation, insurance and money for a mission project.

What will we do?
Share in restoration of a home with five days of good physical labor, learning new skill, each to his or her own ability.

How?
Sign up before July 1, 2015. There is a $100 registration deposit for each person. There will be a limit to the number of people, so---first come, first served!

Lodging?
We will again stay at the North Ramparts Community Center next to St. Marks UMC on the edge of the French Quarter. The facility includes dormitories, kitchen and meeting space plus showers and laundry. We are also part of the vital mission there as well.

What More?
Enjoy the French Quarter and the good food of New Orleans. Worship at St. Mark’s. See first hand what the churches are doing to help people recover. Develop a stronger bond with colleagues even if we have known them for years. Have fun and more!

For more information contact:
Betty Pagett 707-981-8636
bettypagett@gmail.com
The following has been approved by the RCA Board of Directors to send to Annual Conference Session as an item before the plenary. As it is coming from the Retired Clergy, the board wishes to be sure all members have a full copy of this proposed legislation well in advance of ACS.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES: 2

TITLE: “Equalization of the Annual Conference Membership”

DISCIPLINARY PARAGRAPHS: Para: 32 and 602.4

GENERAL CONFERENCE BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: None

GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS: Yes

CONSTITUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS: Yes

Equalization of the Annual Conference Membership

ACTION: Amend paragraphs 32 and 602.4:

“If the lay membership of the annual conference should number less than the clergy members of the annual conference, the average number of clergy members in attendance at the three previous annual conference sessions, the annual conference shall, by its own formula, provide for the election of additional lay members to equalize lay and clergy membership of the annual conference. “

RATIONALE:

The “equalization formula” is based on the assumption that all clergy members will be present for annual conference. However, significant numbers of clergy, mostly retirees, are not present, resulting in an imbalance between lay and clergy. This proposal would not disenfranchise retirees, but would provide for better “equalization”.

The current policy uses the full clergy membership of the conference as the base for determining the number of lay members. It assumes that all the clergy members will be present for the annual conference session and would need to be matched with a lay member. However, in recent years, with longer life expectancy many elderly clergy are not able to attend and in the case of the Michigan conferences, many clergy retire to southern states making it impossible for them to return. In 2014 the Detroit Conference reported 714 clergy members, but only 406 in attendance at annual conference and there were 528 laity. In 2013, there were 443 clergy and 561 laity present, and in 2012, there were 454 clergy and 565 laity in attendance. In 2014, the West Michigan Conference reported 554 clergy members with 362 in attendance and 432 laity. In 2013, there were 387 clergy and 465 lay members present. However, due to pastoral obligations at home, there have been times when there were almost twice as many laity voting as clergy. This proposal would not disenfranchise retired clergy, but it would provide for a more realistic clergy count on which to base the number of lay members. This would assure a more balanced and therefore “equalized” annual conference.

IDENTIFICATION OF PETITIONERS:

Rev. Dr. John E. Harnish, retired clergy, Detroit Conference, Honor, MI
Rev. Joy Barrett, active clergy, Detroit Conference, Chelsea, MI
Rev. Paul Thomas, active clergy, West Michigan Conference, Breckenridge, MI
Rev. Jeffrey Regan, retired clergy, Detroit Conference, Shelby, MI
Mr. Wayne Bank, Conference Lay Leader, Detroit Conference, Lexington, MI
Ms. Linda Schramm, lay member, Detroit Conference, Sandusky, MI
Mr. Richard Teets, lay member, Detroit Conference, Birmingham, MI
Ms. Linda Schramm, lay member, Detroit Conference, Sandusky, MI
Rev. Gary Haller, active clergy, West Michigan Conference, Birmingham, MI
Rev. Dr. Brent McCumons, retired clergy, Detroit Conference, Cheboyen, MI
Rev. Benton Heisler, Director of Connectional Ministries, West Michigan Conference, Grand Rapids MI
Rev. Mary Ivanov, active clergy, West Michigan Conference, Muskegon, MI
Ms. Nichea Guy, General Conference Lay Delegate, West Michigan, Grand Rapids, MI
Rev. Laurie Haller, General Conference Clergy delegate, West Michigan Conference, Birmingham, MI
Rev. Jerome DeVine, Director of Connectional Ministries, Detroit Conference, Flint, MI

PHONE: 231-325-2948

EMAIL: jackharnish1@gmail.com
For CONFERENCE CLERGY CLAIMANTS
(Retired Clergy, Spouses, Surviving Spouses and Disability
Cal-Nevada Conference)

Date:____________________________

Name_____________________________________________________________________________

Name of Spouse (if attending) _________________________________________________________

Address___________________________________________________________________________

City___________________________________________ State__________ Zip__________________

I hereby request reimbursement in the amount of $________________ for expenses incurred at
the 2014 Annual Conference Session for food, lodging, parking and incidentals**.

**Please attach your hotel bill receipt and ANY expense receipts over $20.00.

Maximum Reimbursement:
ONE DAY’S attendance for Retired Clergy (max. $150)
ONE DAY’S attendance for Retired Clergy and Spouse (max. $175)
TWO DAY’S attendance for Retired Clergy (max. $300)
TWO DAY’S attendance for Retired Clergy and Spouse (max. $325)
THREE DAY’S attendance for Retired Clergy (max. $450)
THREE DAY’S attendance for Retired Clergy and Spouse (max. $475)

Parking Expense: ________________

Food/Meals Expense: _______________

Incidental Expense: ____________________

Signed _________________________________________________________

After you fill out this form (attach all receipts) and it should be returned to Karen Foster in the
temporary Conference Business Office in the Hyatt Regency.

Or mail to:
Karen Foster
United Methodist Center
P.O. Box 980250
West Sacramento, CA 95798-0250

NOTE: Mileage for over 200 miles round trip is handled separately, see page 284, Standing Rules.
Please fill out mileage form available in the temporary Conference Business Office.
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EQUALIZE TRAVEL COST FOR CONFERENCE MEMBERS  
(Standing Rule VI.M.2.b)

1. Each member of the Annual Conference who claims travel may be reimbursed $0.10 per mile for each mile in excess of 200 miles round trip between the local church and the site of Annual Conference.

2. Each member who travels in excess of 500 miles round trip may be reimbursed $15.00 per night for a maximum of two nights of lodging.

3. If you want reimbursement, please fill out this form.

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: ________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________________________________

CITY: ______________________________________________ STATE: ___________ ZIP: __________________

LOCAL CHURCH: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Round trip miles from home to site of Annual Conference: ____________________________

Subtract: _______ -200 _______________________

Balance: ____________________________

X $0.10 per mile = ______________________

If round trip mileage is more than 500 miles, did you take more than one day to drive?   Yes {      }       No  {      }

If you stayed overnight enroute, check the number of nights:

   One night  {      }      Two nights  {     }

@ maximum of $15.00 per night = __________________

Amount for mileage: __________________

Amount for housing: __________________

Total Requested: __________________

I certify that I am an Annual Conference Member whose round trip travel from my local church to the site of the Annual Conference Session exceeded 200 miles.

Signed: __________________________________________

Dated:  ___________________________________________

Mail completed form to:  Karen L. Foster, Accounting Manager Conference Center  
P.O. Box 980250  
West Sacramento, CA  95798-0250
The North State Retired Clergy met Dec.8th at Marie Callendar’s in Chico for a lunch time filled with sharing. We had a large group present and all had a chance to tell us about recent activities in their lives.

Jerry and Georgie Summers shared that they had been taking two classes for Seniors at Chico State and in addition Jerry was singing in the choir at Chico Trinity UMC. This past year Georgie has been writing a monthly column in the Enterprise Record, the local daily newspaper, and she was again directing the Christmas play at Trinity.

Bill Jefferies was a recent lay leader at Chico First Baptist and always vests to do the liturgy for Christmas Eve.

Arleen McLane has been facilitating the Methodist Adult Bible class at Chico Aldersgate UMC for 30 years! The group has been growing and she’s still enjoying it. She also enjoys having roommates at her home and presently has two.

Brian Wilber was in the hospital last spring when the Retired Clergy group met so it was delightful to have him looking spry and cheery at the December meeting. Brian is on dialysis 3 times a week. Glennis Wilber and Brian have been retired in Willows for 21 years. Glennis is sustained in her caregiving of Brian by her music...she plays the organ for two churches...and taking walks.

Joan Wheeler Ash was married in the fall to Lloyd Ash. Her 4 daughters and 2 brothers were able to come to the wedding. Lloyd has been the ClayM Pastor in Maxwell for 13 years. We all wish them many happy years together!

Karen Watson is “retired” but serving two churches, Greenville and Taylorsville, part time. Lately in addition to her pastoring duties, she’s been reading the journals of Wesley.

Janna Adamson travelled to the Rockies in September and October with her husband John. They are looking for a home in which to retire.

Bob and Nadeen Biehler were also present at the luncheon. Bob has been retired 2 years and busies himself at the Paradise food program to feed the homeless. He’s also involved with the symphony orchestra board and in the production of the “Glorious Sound of Music”.

Neal and Fran Neuenburg shared how they had joined Weight Watchers together in August. They feel successful in their progress so far. Neal has had several preaching opportunities in nearby churches and Fran continues to sing at Chico Aldersgate UMC choir.

The member of the Retired Clergy Association who enjoyed lunch with us was Nancy Daley. Linda Lasell from Board of Pensions and her husband Jeff also joined us.

--Faithfully submitted by Fran and Neal Neuenburg
2015 ACS Registration
The 2015 Annual Conference Session has been scheduled for June 17-20, 2015 at the Burlingame Hyatt Hotel in Burlingame, CA. This year clergy and laity seating will not be assigned.

Please enter your name EXACTLY as you would like it to appear on your badge. No titles, please.

First Name: ____________________________ Last Name: ________________________________
Address:_________________________________________________________________________
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Email Address: __________________________________ Cell Phone Number:_______________
(So Pages or other participants can contact you, if needed, while at conference.)

Church Name (charge church): ___________________________________

Other conference relationship: (i.e. if you have an appointment/assignment beyond the local church, are a clergy in extension ministry, or serve on a board or agency with voting privileges)?
Yes ____ No _____
Name of Church or Agency:___________________________Location:_____________________

CLERGY REGISTRATION TYPE: (assigns voting status)
Please select the answer that best describes your CLERGY STATUS at Annual Conference Session from the following categories.

_____ Active Member (Clergy in Full Connection with Voice & Vote)
_____ Retired Member (Clergy in Full Connection with Voice & Vote)
_____ Probationary Member (Clergy with Voice & Vote)
_____ Associate Member (Clergy with Voice & Vote)
_____ Affiliate Member (Clergy with Voice & Vote)
_____ Minister of another denomination (certified by the Board of Ordained Min.) (Clergy with Voice & Vote)
_____ Local Pastor under Appointment (Clergy with Voice & Vote)
_____ Clergy Member of another Annual Conference or another Methodist denomination
(Clergy with Voice & No Vote)
_____ Retired Local Pastor (Clergy with Voice & No Vote)
_____ Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry (Clergy with Voice & No Vote)

WHEN REGISTERING A CLERGY SPOUSE WHO IS NOT CLERGY, PLEASE REGISTER THEM AS "LAITY."
Spouse First Name: _____________________ Spouse Last Name:_________________________
Email Address: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________________________

LAITY REGISTRATION TYPE: (assigns voting status)
Please select the answer that best describes your LAITY STATUS at Annual Conference Session from the following categories.

- Elected by a local church as Lay Member (Voice & Vote)
- Alternate Lay Member replacing elected Lay Member who cannot attend (Voice & vote)
- Alternate Lay Member attending as an observer (No Voice & No Vote)
- Observer, officially recognized UM Fellowship (Voice & No Vote)
- Diaconal Minister (Voice & Vote)
- By virtue of a Conference Office (Voice & Vote)
- CLayM – Conference Lay Minister Assigned to a Local Church (Voice & Vote)
- General/Jurisdictional Delegate (Voice & Vote)
- Young Adult Delegate (Voice & Vote)
- Conference Committee on Legislation (Voice & No Vote)
- Conference Committee on Nominations (Voice & No Vote)
- Commission on the Annual Conference Session (Voice & No Vote)
- Observer (No Voice & No Vote)

If you selected "By virtue of a Conference Office" please specify:

Are you a clergy spouse and want it designated on your ACS badge? _____ Yes _____ No

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:
GENDER:   ___ Male ___ Female

ETHNICITY:
You may select more than one.

- African-American
- Asian
- Caucasian
- Chinese
- Chinese (Cantonese)
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Fijian
- Filipino
- Haitian
- Hispanic
- Hmong
- Japanese
- Korean
- Laotian
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Samoan
- Taiwanese
- Tongan
- Vietnamese
- Other (Please specify: ____________________________)

Mail your registration to the attention of Becky Sheldon at:
CA-NV Annual Conference,
P.O. Box 980250,
West Sacramento, CA, 95798.

If you have questions, please contact Toua Yang at 916.374.1518.

Thank you for registering to attend 2014 Annual Conference Session.
# 167th Session

California-Nevada Annual Conference

Burlingame, California June 17-20, 2015

## Wednesday, June 17

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Annual Conference Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015
Burlingame Hyatt – Poolside Pavilion
Gathering 12:00 noon       Program and Lunch – 12:30 – 2:00

Pre-registration REQUIRED. No non-reserved tickets available at the door.
Registration DEADLINE is June 10, 2015

Please join us for fellowship, food and celebration of our continued ministry as retired clergy and spouses. This is a time to welcome new retirees, renew friendships from years past, congratulate our scholarship winners, and catch up on the lives of friends and colleagues

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You will receive an email confirmation. If you have not heard please call 916-539-4249

LUNCH CHOICE:  Chicken ________ Salmon________ Vegetarian Pasta _______

Cost:  Postmarked by June 1, 2014 $30.00
       Postmarked after June 1 (but no later than June 10!) $35.00

Number of lunches ________________ Total amount enclosed: $ _________________

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