



Days of GRACE

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NEW ORLEANS CONTINUES TO CALL!

by Floyd Quenzer

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For the 12th time in as many years the Retired Clergy of the California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church went to New Orleans to work on homes damaged by hurricanes, floods and wind.

On November 2-10, 2018, six persons gathered at the Rampart Youth Center in New Orleans which would become the center of our activities during the next week. Those six were Marty Murdock, Betty Pagett (our leader), Doug and Jill Earl, Donna Hougland, and Floyd Quenzer. Also, within the youth center, are dormitories, which were developed following Hurricane Katrina for the purpose of providing housing for volunteers who would come to work in the New Orleans area.

One of the highlights during the week was the opportunity to get to know each other in a different setting. The fellowship we experienced was outstanding. A second highlight during the week was to participate in the worship service at St Mark's

United Methodist Church on Sunday morning. The church is connected to the Rampart Youth Center. A third highlight was spending time with Coach Parker, director of the Youth Center which provides after school programs for some 100 children in addition to summer activities.

This year we worked on two homes in Lacombe, Louisiana. Our hosts at the home were Mr. and Mrs. John Honore. John was in his early 90s and I refuse to guess the age of his wife though younger than John. Their home had been damaged by water from some of the torrential rains. Our task was to strengthen the sub-floor in the master bathroom and cover it with linoleum, as well as to stabilize the shower head. We built a door casing and door for the closet containing the water heater. John casually mentioned a water leak in the roof which we were able to repair.

A second house belonging to the Honore's needed the bathroom stripped of wall board and flooring which future volunteers will complete. (continued on page 3)

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Greetings to All in The Name of Christ!

The Board of Directors of the Retired Clergy Association, continues to serve the retired, spouses, and surviving spouses of clergy in this conference. To that end, we are always looking forward to providing meaningful services to all.

One of the services is a new program called "Parish Visitor". The ambitious goal is to make contact during each conference year with each retired clergy person, spouse, and surviving spouse to ascertain "how is it with your soul?"

Sometimes we find ourselves isolated and desire contact with a former colleague. This program is designed to meet such a need. Please give Linda Holbrook (214-478-6945) or Carolee Catterall (530-635-4580) a call to arrange such a visit.

Thanks to RCA volunteers, return trips to a devastated area of our country - New Orleans- are scheduled on an annual basis. This VIM project also serves local disaster regions. Please contact Betty Pagett (bettypagett@gmail.com) for additional information.



These are just a few goals we seek to accomplish. Our ranks continue to grow and, sadly, decrease, but our desire to serve others, continues. Will you join with us in providing service to others?

Happy New Year!

Tom

Greetings and Salutations!

First off, I'd like to thank everyone for the vacation time. My husband, Norm, and I had a wonderful time doing a whole bunch of NOTHING out in the middle of the Pacific! As you can see, we clean up pretty good!

I would like to put out a call for new correspondents to Days of Grace. As you can see, it's getting pretty thin out there! We have had folks who have resigned after many years of service. We've also had correspondents struggle to get responses. The job is only twice a year (deadlines are September 15 and January 15) and you get to touch base with colleagues in your area either by phone or email. I will provide the contact information for you. Just give me a call or shoot me an email and I will get the information to you.

Please note that Spring Fling is just around the corner. A registration page is included in this issue and online registration is up on the RCA website (www.ca-nv-rca.org). Pam Eisenbaum was a requested repeat speaker and it is sure to be a great presentation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Nancy



New Orleans

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A third house belonging to Miss Catherine needed some taping, sanding and painting of holes provided by termites in the drywall.

The agency through whom we are assigned is the Epworth Project, which was founded in 2008 as a volunteer management organization. More people apply to have their homes worked on than can be accommodated due to the fact that volunteers are more interested in going to places such as Texas, Puerto Rico, and now California. Also financial assistance has become limited.



We concluded each day with worship after having a delicious meal in the French Quarter of New Orleans.

While we were tired at the end of the week, we felt renewed, re-energized, and ready to go to New Orleans again next year. Also, we are planning to work in northern California the first week of April of this year.

Due to the small number of persons participating in these VIM trips we are asking you if we should continue these efforts. Give Betty Pagett your response to this question. Also, if you are interested in joining this exciting venture, again please contact Betty Pagett at bettypagett@gmail.com.



John V. Moore John's daughter, Rebecca, sends word that John celebrated his 98.6th birthday in Friday Harbor, Washington in May 2018. Friends and family came from around the country, including a couple he married 55 years ago! He turned 99 in September, and is determined to make it to 100, "to show that I have perseverance".

PACIFIC NORTHWEST HAPPENINGS

from Bert Schniepp

Bert and Linda Schniepp Spent some time this fall enjoying the North Coast of Oregon around Seaside and Newport in their RV With their return home, however, there was much to do around the community of Florence and preparing for the holiday season coming. A number of their church friends were involved in Christmas productions, Bert was busy leading the adult church school class, while Linda remained active in UMW and her PEO group. What we have missed, however, is our daughter's performance with a group of quartets in Southern California, where she lives, as they spent many hours caroling at various gatherings and venues in her area. Our immediate concern is with the pastor of our local UM church who has been undergoing cancer treatment while still trying to keep up with some of the pastoral work since late last summer.

PASSING THE MANTLE

If you have any of the following items that you would like to “pass on” as Elijah passed his mantle on to Elisha, please email Alice Ann Glenn at AA1Glenn9@aol.com

Passing the Mantle!

It has been noted that after retirement, some of the wonderful resources that we have, and have used for our various ministries, may not be used any more and perhaps as retirees we would welcome passing them on to younger and/or mid-career clergy who are still trying to pay for seminary or course of study!

We also have been made aware of needs in seminaries in other countries: Philippines, East Timor, and Tonga to name some recent ones. There may be other countries!

So, if you have any of the following that you would like to “pass on” as Elijah passed his mantle on to Elisha, please email Alice Ann Glenn at AA1Glenn9@aol.com, so we can determine whether this could be an ongoing program.

- Robes
- Stoles or Scapulars
- Crosses to wear
- Display Crosses
- Current Books of Worship
- Current Hymnals or other song books
- Current UMC Book of Discipline
- Current UMC Book of Resolutions
- “Pocket Size” Book of Rituals
- Visitation Communion Sets
- Recent Books: Theology, Study materials
- Recent DVD Studies
- Current Reference Books such as Concordances, Biblical Maps or sets of Interpreter’s Bible or other sets of Commentaries.
- Various versions/translations of the Bible
- Paraments
- Liturgical Banners

In the email to Alice Ann, please indicate what it is that you are willing to share. Be very specific! It is the assumption that these items will be GIVEN to, not paid for, by the recipient/s. We are working out how best to get the items from you to the incoming clergy and local pastors. This will be determined once we know there actually are items that individuals wish to pass on to the next generations.

Questions can also be directed to Alice Ann if you have something you think you would like to pass on, but it is not on the list!

Care and Compassion

My name is Linda Holbrook, and I retired in 2018. Retirement is great. However, there are many changes in retirement. As the chair of Relational Care for the Retired Clergy Association, we have the goal of making sure that every retired clergy and their spouse/partner feel a part of the community of retired clergy. As pastors we are enfolded by community, and when we retire, sometimes we can feel separated from community.

With more than 800 retired clergy it can be a challenge to be in touch with everyone, but we undertake challenges almost every day we are pastors. We all know there are many days when we think we know what we are going to do and something happens that changes our day. We understand the meaning of service in very practical ways.

As the Relational Care Committee we have three primary ways we are reaching out to our community; a card ministry, a pastoral response team, and a parish visit ministry. The card ministry sends cards to those who are ill or touched by death, and we would like to expand this ministry to making sure everyone gets birthday cards and anniversary cards. The pastoral response team reaches out to our members over a period of a few weeks or a few months when a need arises. The parish visit ministry visits every member at least once a year.

The relational care committee needs your help. We need more volunteers to send cards, visit retirees and their spouses/partners, or reach out to a retiree in need. I only moved to the California Nevada Conference in 2011 so there are many clergy that I don't know. I need your help.

If you would like to become involved in any of these ministries, please contact me or members of the relational care team. Our contact information is below. We can provide you more information on each of these ministries or answer any questions.

Thank you. May your days be filled with grace.

Linda

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NEW CONFERENCE EMAIL ADDRESSES

Are you having trouble accessing your new conference email address? Do you know that you **HAVE** a conference email address? All clergy have been assigned an email address for official conference communications. The general format for that email address is: **FIRSTNAME.LASTNAME@CNUMC.ORG**

If you are unable to access this email, you can contact Toua Yang (first name pronounced TOO-uh) at the conference office at 916-374-1518 and he can walk you through the process. He can also help you get the email from that address forwarded to whatever email address you already use.

If you've been wondering why you have not been receiving conference emails, this is where they have been going!

RELATIONAL CARE



Photo by [Cristofer Jeschke on Unsplash](#)

RCA VIM TRIPS

The RCA VIM Team is fired up and ready to go!

Retired Clergy Spring Work Project!

Rebuilding after Northern California Fires - March 31 evening thru April 6 morning

Retired Clergy, family, and friends welcome!

We will be working with Hope Crisis Response Network and stay in their lovely Middletown volunteer center. Room and Board \$150. RV hook ups available. Work appropriate to our capabilities!

Deadline to sign up: March 1

Contact Betty Pagett for more information: bettypagett@gmail.com
707-981-8636



MEMBERSHIP

While we receive a substantial grant from the Conference Claimants Endowment Board each year to sustain our programs, it is contributions from members that allows us to reach beyond and do more. It is with great thanks that we celebrate those who have been able to support the mission of the RCA with their financial gifts.

Lifetime Members	9	(this includes carry over from last year)
Sponsoring Members	9	
Sustaining Members	47	
Supporting Members	72	
Basic Members	134	

Membership forms were mailed out in early September. If you have not received one, one can be sent to you. Email Nancy at nancydaley@ca-nv-rca.org or contribute online at www.ca-nv-rca.org/donations,

Photo by [Perry Grone on Unsplash](#)

WORD IS HEARD FROM... IS BEENS

from Sue Angove

ALBRIGHT, JOHN and LOIS are doing well with daughter Mary from Montana spending the winter with them to help day to day activities run smoothly. That's a "win win" for both daughter and parents especially at this time of the year! Lois had successful cataract surgery on her second eye and is thankful all went/continues to go well.

ANGOVE, JERRY and SUE love having their grandchildren visit, especially for sleepovers! Gabrielle, Jamison, their parents, and us rode the Polar Express train in Old Sacramento December 16th. We drank hot chocolate, heard the story read as we rode to the North Pole and back, then had a visit with Santa who handed each of us a silver bell to keep us remembering the story. We had the five and seven year olds' help decorating the inside and outside of our house for Christmas.

CARTER, CAROL and TOM GOULD are discovering more things to do with added time together now that Tom is retired!

CATTERALL, CAROLEE is waiting to hear when her hip replacement surgery will be scheduled. She sees the orthopedic surgeon this week on January 18th.

Photo by Lydia Marie on Unsplash

CUMMINGS, PAM will have knee replacement surgery on her left knee January 24th. All thoughts and prayers will be appreciated.

KELLY, LINDA spent time in Brooklyn, New York visiting her son close to Christmastime. Linda's birthday is Christmas Eve. She loved seeing "HAMILTON" on Broadway as her son's gift to her. How great is that! Linda's new Spiritual Direction website is www.LMKelly.com

KIMBALL, TOM and CONNIE will continue to appreciate your support through personal contact, prayers and thoughts regarding their son Thomas's death in 2018. The great joy they want us to know about is their first great grandson Cornell's birth in October. He lives right here in Sacramento which means they see him often!

PEARSON, GINNIE and LARRY report recovery after Ginnie's second knee replacement surgery is going slower than the first knee replacement did. Ginnie is glad she only has TWO knees that have needed replacing!! Send well wishes through positive thoughts, prayers, and cards. Their address is 1440 Volonne Drive, Roseville, CA 95747.

SCHWARZENTRAUB, BETSY and KEN are enjoying the winter on their Garden Valley property. Betsy's newest book, "GROWING GENEROUS SOULS" will be available in March, published by Ingram Sparks. She will have more information about our being able to purchase copies as soon as she knows.

WATTERS-JULSING, KAY expresses her gratitude for the positive things happening in her family's lives. Not too long ago she traveled twice to North Carolina and once to Virginia to be with extended family.

Days OF GRACE



KEEP IN TOUCH.....

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Days of Grace is published three times per year (October, February, and May). It is automatically delivered to your mailbox. If you prefer to opt into a paperless version, please visit the RCA Website at <http://www.ca-nv-rca.org> and sign up on the front page on the lower right.

It is important that you keep the RCA up to date on your contact information. Not only do we use it to send Days of Grace, but also for all our gatherings and events. We don't want to lose you! Just drop a note in the mail or email your updated information.

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On behalf of The Endowment Board, we would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2018 “Tree of Gratitude and Remembrance.”

All tribute donations received in the month of December were added to our “Tree of Gratitude and Remembrance” at our corporate office in Stockton. Each message was crafted by the donor and added to the tree with love or appreciation.

The ornament tributes ranged from remembering loved ones who have passed on to sweet messages of gratitude to special friends or colleagues of the donors. Honorees were mailed acknowledgement letters of the thoughtful contributions.

With your help, we raised over **\$10,000** to assist with healthcare subsidies, pension contributions, support programs, and services for the retired clergy and their spouses of the California/Nevada Conference. We are continually astounded by your abundant generosity – thank you for putting your *Gratitude in Action*.

We pray that your 2019 is filled with good health and happiness, and we can’t wait to see you soon to express our gratitude in person.

Blessings,

Your Endowment Board Family



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Single Occupancy: \$120 per person

Double Occupancy: \$110 per person

Discounts:

First Timer: 50%

Supporting Member: 5%

Sustaining Member: 10%

Sponsoring Member: 15%

Lifetime Member: 20%

*A limited number of half price
scholarships are available*

Spring Fling

*San Damiano Retreat Center
710 Highland Dr. Danville, CA*

April 24-April 25

Accommodations:

Double Beds (limited number)

Twin Beds

Linens Provided

Cancellation Policy:

Full Refund by April 1

Partial (1/2) Refund after April

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Accommodation Needs:

If you have an attendant,
please contact Nancy for more
information.

Music by

Dr. John Hillebrandt

**Pamela Eisenbaum
presents:**

**What it means for
Christians to read
Paul as a Jew**

There is no debating how central Paul is for Christian life and theology. Theologians, scholars, and preachers have devoted countless volumes and sermons to Paul's writings, but they often do not agree. In the wake of the

Reformation, however, a Protestant consensus emerged about the essential meaning of Paul's message, and modern readers of Paul still read Paul through the same framework. Unfortunately, embedded in post-Reformation Pauline interpretation, an anti-Jewish component lurks. There are, however, recent developments among a cadre of scholars that have reinterpreted Paul as a man who lived and died a Jew. Our retreat will explore this re-reading of Paul, as well as the strong reactions it has evoked among traditional readers of Paul, in order to gain insight into what is at stake for contemporary Christians.

Spring Fling Committee:

Floyd Quenzer and Donna Hougland - Co-Chairs

Dave and Pat Thompson

Jim and Celinda Current

Sandy Roberts

Bonnie McGraw

Miklos Nicolson

Nancy Daley

Spring Fling Registration

Person 1 Name: _____

Person 2 Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

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Discount:	First Timer:	50% (subtract \$60 per person)
	Supporting Member	5% (subtract \$6 per member)
	Sustaining Member	10% (subtract \$12 per member)
	Sponsoring Member	15% (subtract \$18 per member)
	Lifetime Member	20% (subtract \$24 per member)
		Discount Amount: \$ _____

Double Occupancy: 2 x \$110 \$220.00

Discount:	First Timer:	50% (subtract \$55 per person)
	Supporting Member	5% (subtract \$5.50 per member)
	Sustaining Member	10% (subtract \$11 per member)
	Sponsoring Member	15% (subtract \$16.50 per member)
	Lifetime Member	20% (subtract \$22 per member)
		Discount Amount: \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Membership discount is per person, not per couple

I am including a check _____

I am paying online _____ www.ca-nv-rca.org/events

My roommate and I are not related and are sending our registrations separately. Please put me in the same room with: _____

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UPCOMING EVENTS

VIM Team to New Orleans

November 2-10, 2018

Gathering of the Orders

January 29-31, 2019

>Modesto Double Tree

Spring Fling

April 24-25

>San Damiano, Danville CA