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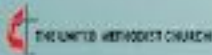
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174th California-Nevada Annual Conference Session | JUNE 10th-13th, 2022

LET LOVE BE

Romans Chapter 12



Annual Conference is Back in Person! In June!

Annual Conference in person AND in June! It's been a while, hasn't it? We will be back to "normal". Luncheon? YES! Lounge/Respite Room? YES! Display Table? YES! Per Diem? Of course!

You MUST register yourself this year (see..... back to normal!). Just go to the conference website at <https://www.cnumc.org/> and click on the graphic

that says "Register". If you cannot use the online registration, please call Renee Tefft at (916) 374-1584. She will be able to register you directly. You MUST register before May 15 in order to participate in the virtual legislative session (not quite normal...) on May 20.

Your hotel reservations must be made by May 8. There is a block of rooms at The Sheraton. The link to get to those is on that registration page. There are several other hotels downtown of varying price points. Feel free to use your favorite booking site or travel agent for the best price. The address of the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center is 1400 J Street (14th and J streets) in downtown Sacramento.

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Dear Friends,

One of my favorite Bible verses, and one that is a favorite for many, is, "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Is. 43:18-19) It's a wonderful verse to lean on, especially when we are in the midst of difficulty. And, boy, we've been in a lot of difficulty for the past two years.

The pandemic is not the only difficulty we have had, but it is the one that had us longing to "get back to normal". As the virus lingered, we slowly began to be aware that we would probably not be going back to "normal". Instead, we began to talk about the "new normal". We are still trying to determine what the new normal will be, but some things are coming into focus.

It's a safe bet that working from home and Zoom gatherings will continue. They are both fundamental changes in our lives or in the lives of those we love. In-person gatherings will continue to be problematic, at least from time to time. Those changes also call upon the RCA to change the way we have traditionally done things. We will have to create a "new normal" and YOU can help us figure out what that is.

The RCA is made up of almost 800 retired clergy and clergy spouses. That's a big congregation! We live across the continental USA and in many foreign countries. We range in age from early 60's to more than 100. In the "new normal" how can we design the work of the RCA to serve such a wide range of locations, interests and abilities?

Our younger retirees, and especially those retiring this year and onward, will be conversant and comfortable with virtual gatherings. Some of our older constituents don't even own a computer. Some retirees are eager to get back to in person gatherings, but many have health issues that make that unwise or impossible.

We would welcome your thoughts about how we might best serve you as we reinvent many of our ministries. (If you happen to be the child of a retiree, you can also contact us.) Given where you are in your life as a retiree, what are the ways we might serve you in this new normal? Feel free to contact me or any of our Board members. We especially invite you to contact Haniel Garabay, who was hired last fall to assist us with programming.

Another thing is that the RCA will be getting a new president on July 1. My two-year term will be up. I guess I was the "Covid president"! Taking over will be Sandy Roberts, surviving spouse of Frank Roberts. Sandy has good past experience with the RCA Board and I'm looking forward to her leadership.

God IS doing a new thing! May we be able to open our eyes and hearts to it.

Your sister in Christ,

Pam Abbey



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION REIMBURSEMENT

It is difficult to believe that it has been two years since we entered a new world. We have missed seeing each other. Zoom has been good, but nothing can take the place of seeing our family and friends in person. Much has changed and many things will never go back to the way they were before the pandemic.

For all of us there is added stress. We each have to take care of ourselves in these new times. One of the ways to help is through spiritual direction. Spiritual direction is a time when we meet with a spiritual director who listens to us and guides us to a deeper spiritual life. There are a number of spiritual directors in our conference. If you would like to know who is a spiritual director in your area, please contact me and I will send you the name of anyone who is close. I am also a board member of The Fellowship of United Methodist Spiritual Directors and Retreat Leaders, and we offer workshops on line every other month. If you have an interest in receiving news on our programs, please let me know.

Because of the new nature of our circumstances, The Retired Clergy Association is adding a benefit for the members. We have set aside money for any member to use in spiritual direction. The total amount is \$10,000 for the calendar year. We are beginning with a reimbursement of up to \$200 per person for a calendar year. If you are currently engaged with a spiritual director, please contact me and I will let you know how to be reimbursed.

Rev. Dr. Linda A Holbrook
Relational Care Coordinator
lindaaholbrook@hotmail.com



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2022 Scholarship Awards

by Alice Ann Glenn, Memorial Scholarship Chair

The Retired Clergy Association [RCA], as part of our purpose “to strengthen our relationship with our Conference and to continue to be of service to the church and the world,” award Memorial Scholarships each year. This year RCA will award three \$1600 Memorial Scholarships to students who are Certified Candidates and working either toward Local Pastors License and/or Ordination. The monies for the scholarships come from funds received as Memorials when Clergy or their Spouses die, and for each death the RCA also puts a specific amount into the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Recipients of the Memorial Scholarships are for those attending Seminary or Course of Study, an alternative to seminary. The Scholarships also support Licensing School.



Vaitafa Heimolana is currently not appointed, and is doing Tongan Ministry at Stockton Holy Cross UMC. He is attending Claremont School of Theology for a Doctor of Ministry Degree.

Tara Macy is appointed to Shasta Lake Community UMC and is also a Speech Pathologist. She is attending Claremont School of Theology, Western Jurisdiction Course of Study.



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Alison Maki is appointed to Fall River Mills Community UMC. She is attending Claremont School of Theology, Western Jurisdiction Course of Study.



This year RCA had the honor of also dispersing the Rev. Jane Schlager Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was stipulated to go to a woman attending seminary, pursuing the Elder Track. The \$6,025 scholarship is going to April Sousa who is appointed to McKinleyville Church of the Joyful Healer and is working for McKinleyville Community Services District. She is attending Claremont School of Theology for a Masters of Divinity Degree

If you know any of these students, or are nearby, reach out and make a connection! And if you would like to interview candidates by phone in 2023, contact the Scholarship Chair.

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MISSION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

FOR YOUR REFLECTION AND ACTION follow the Mission and Justice committee's alerts: understanding and responding to Christian Nationalism, listening and working outside of our silos, working for voting rights have been areas of interest this year. To be on our contact list, send your email to Betty Pagett or Marty Murdock: bettypagett@gmail.com or murdocksky@aol.com

RCA and Endowment board staff FALL WORK PROJECT in Paradise, CA: The first week of NOVEMBER, deadline for registering: SEPTEMBER 1. Cost to participants: travel. Work to match our energy, age and abilities. We will be doing our own cooking so some volunteer time would be needed for that perhaps less strenuous work. Center for volunteers has been prepared to meet safety protocol. Questions and registration: bettypagett@gmail.com





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Passing the Mantle!

This article is especially for those of you who are looking for ways to pass on to others ministry resources that you have, but are not using in retirement! RCA calls this “Passing the Mantle!” after the Biblical story of Elijah passing his mantle on to Elisha.

Since we are meeting in person this year for Annual Conference, the items suggested below could be brought to Sacramento, as long as you understand that if they are not taken, you will take them back home with you. It is the assumption that these items will be GIVEN to, not paid by, the recipient/s.

Items to be considered follow, with suggestions.

If you have crosses you have worn, our candidates for ministry and local pastors can use those as they serve. You are welcome to ship those to me, and we will offer them to those awarded our Scholarships at our Annual Luncheon.

If you have stoles, it is only Elders and Deacons that can use those, so see who is recently or newly ordained and reach out to them directly. We will try to again have an announcement during Clergy Session that items are available, with a place to meet at the end of the session for the gifting.

Robes are much more difficult to share, as if you do, you need to spot someone that is the same size as you, and inquire if they are interested in robes.

Both younger and mid-career clergy who are still trying to pay for seminary or course of study are very appreciative of the following items that can get pricey:

Concordances, Biblical Maps

- Sets of Interpreter’s Bible or other sets of Commentaries.
- Various versions/translations of the Bible
- Current Books of Worship
- Current Hymnals or other song books
- Current UMC Book of Discipline and UMC Book of Resolutions
- “Pocket Size” Book of Rituals
- Visitation Communion Sets

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

Let me know if you have other items to “pass on” that are not noted. Please be very specific as to what those items are.

Questions? Contact Alice Ann Glenn at AA1Glenn9@aol.com.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May

SHERRY ATKINS
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SARAH ANN BROWNRIGG
DICK BRUNER
CHERYL COLLINS
CELINDA CURRENT
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PAINI AFU
ARDITH ALLREAD
JERRY ANGOVE
GREGG ATKINS
CAROLE BERGMAN
PHYLLIS BIRD
MONA BLACKBURN
LAURIE BROAD
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FRAN NEUENBURG
KATE O'LEARY
EUNSOOK PARK
KAREN PETERSON
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SANDY ROBERTS
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JUAN SAAVEDRA
BISHOP ROY SANO
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ART GAFKE & ELENA DE LA PENNA
GARY & DEBBI GRUNDMAN
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JOHN & LORI McLAUGHLIN
PETE & CATHY NELSON
LORI & MARK SAWDON
BARBARA TROXELL & GENE BOUTILIER
SCOTT WYLIE & DENISE BOWMAN-WYLIE

June

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BRAD & ARLAINE BRYANT
CHUCK & STELLA CORDES
JOHN & EVA FUGITT
LARRY & LYNN GEORGE
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NEAL & LINDA HARRELL
PAUL & BARBARA HENSHAW
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VICTOR & NANCY MATSON
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NEAL & FRAN NEUENBURG
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BOB & CAROL OLMSTEAD
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RICHARD & SHARON PITCHER
JERRY & BARBARA SMITH
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JERRY STRAKS
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Happy Anniversary



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Change of Address? Phone? Email?

As we come to the end of the church year, I am asking everyone to be sure that I have your correct information. This is not only for our database so you can get all communications from your WONDERFUL RCA, but also so our Card Ministry can drop a card in the mail to wish you Happy Birthday and/or Anniversary.

But WHY?

We are trying to do more thing over Zoom and bring people from all over the country and world to you. In April, we had Professor Yuri Sheliashenko speaking to us from his office at the School of Law at KROK University in Kyiv,

Ukraine. We hope to be able to present more lectures, webinars, and interactive events going forward.

Sometimes these events come together quite quickly or we learn of them with short notice. Email is sent via Mail Chimp so we can get to as many people as possible. Just drop me a note at nancydaley@ca-nv-rca.org or pop a change of information slip into the box at our display table at ACS. If you aren't sure, just let me know and I can double check. We want to stay in touch!



Word has been heard from.....

Alice Ann Glenn in Monterey drove to Tucson, AZ in October to be part of a four generation, six day celebration for Winifred Keefer's 90th birthday. Alice Ann and Winifred met at General Conference in 1996 in Denver, became friends sitting in the visitor's section, and spent 20 years being General Conference roommates! On the way to Tucson, Alice Ann visited a cousin in Yuma, AZ and on the way home visited one of her late husband's caregivers living near Phoenix. The highlight of the return trip was attending the "Immersive Van Gogh" at Scottsdale.

Annual Conference Luncheon

Friday, June 10, 2022

Sheraton Hotel, Gardenia Room

Gathering 11:30am Program and Lunch - at Plenary Lunch Recess

Pre-registration REQUIRED. No non-reserved tickets available at the door.

Registration **DEADLINE is MAY 31, 2022**

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, and congratulate our scholarship winners. Each meal includes Caesar salad, bread & butter, and NY Cheesecake for dessert. Water, coffee, and tea will also be available.

RCA LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

Member 1 Name _____

Food Choice: Grilled Salmon Roasted Chicken Vegetarian Lasagna

Membership Level: Basic \$30.00 Supporting \$22.50 Sustaining \$15 Sponsoring
 Lifetime FREE

Member 2 Name _____

Food Choice: Grilled Salmon Roasted Chicken Vegetarian Lasagna

Membership Level: Basic \$30.00 Supporting \$22.50 Sustaining \$15 Sponsoring
 Lifetime FREE

Non-Member Name _____

Food Choice: Grilled Salmon Roasted Chicken Vegetarian Lasagna
 Non-Member \$60.00

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address (for confirmation) _____

You will receive an email confirmation.

If you have not heard by June 3 please call 916-539-4249

Number of lunches _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

Make check payable to “**RCA**”

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ACS Legislative Session

Virtual -TBA

May 20, evening

Annual Conference Session

June 10-13, 2022

> Sacramento

Annual Luncheon

Sheraton Hotel, Gardenia Rm

>Friday, June 10 11:30am