

RETIRED CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Hubert Ivery can be easily found in most groups because he is usually the tallest person around! But in retirement Hubert has some lofty goals to go along with his height. While many of us begin retirement with some extra travel and relaxation, Hubert dived in by giving more attention to his non-profit – the Center for Intentional, Inclusive Community.

Hubert officially began the Center in 2017, knowing that he would be able to give it more time in a few years. He's been working on the concepts behind Intentional Inclusive Community for a long time, drawing on his background in spirituality, psychology and anthropology, which were part of his doctoral work.

As we look around, most of us can see that our neighbors look much like ourselves. Our congregations are no different. Although many congregations would like to be more inclusive and diverse, they are unsure about how to make that happen. Hubert's organization will help congregations create an inclusive community and to be intentional about it.

Hubert points out that our separation from other races and cultures has been 400 years in the making. After so many years of being knit into the fabric of our communities and churches it will take time and intentionality to unravel. He points out that when people don't have an opportunity to converse with one another, they don't have the opportunity to get to know one another. And thus they become "the other".

Currently, he is working on a survey, "Inclusive Community Readiness" that will help congregations

know if they are ready to do the intentional work of becoming

more inclusive. When he is satisfied with that piece of the work he'll begin the process of reaching out to congregations, offering coaching and workshops to help congregations develop strategies to move toward inclusive communities. The concepts can also be used in non-religious settings, and Hubert will be in touch with them as well.

Hubert asks a fundamental question, "What do we want the world to look like?" And he believes that we have the capacity to create our own reality. "If we

dream something different," he says, "something different will happen. When we are intentional about our communities, we are intentionally creating the reality we're moving towards."

We are lucky to have Hubert among us. He was ordained in Georgia in the American Baptist Church, and moved to California when he married Donna Fado in 1986. We recognized his ordination and he has been serving among us every since.

If you share Hubert's dream of helping to create a more just and inclusive society, especially in our congregations, keep the Center for Intentional, Inclusive Community in your prayers. And it's easy to find Hubert at ACS to get an update.

Days of Grace

What Are They Up To Now?

Hubert Ivery

by Pam Abbey

Passing the Mantle

Bring your gently used ministerial supplies to "pass the mantle" to the next generation!

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Learn how you can access funds available to RCA Members who are in a financial pinch

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ACS Luncheon

It's that time again! Register NOW for the luncheon! (and get your per diem form!)

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Passing the Mantle

2 Kings 2:9

From: *The Message*

9 When they reached the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, "What can I do for you before I'm taken from you? Ask anything." Elisha said, "Your life repeated in my life. I want to be a holy person just like you."



As, hopefully, you know the RCA supports the next generation of clergy through our Memorial Scholarship program. This is tremendously helpful to these seminarians and those engaged in the Course of Study as any sort of graduate or ongoing education is tremendously expensive. But unlike medical school or law school, the earning power does not exponentially increase for those entering ministry.

Another way the retired can give a hand up to those just entering ministry is to "pass the mantle" and gift the various vestments, equipment, and other supplies of ministry. This also benefits you, the retiree, by freeing up some closet and cupboard space! All you need to do is to bring it to Annual Conference, find the Passing The Mantle table in the display area, and leave it there. The only hitch is.... if you do not pick up what is/was yours that is left on Monday morning at the close of ACS, it will be collected and disposed of (we are accepting suggestions!).

These things are to be freely given without expectation of any sort of return.

PLEASE NOTE: Do not bring any sort of books that are over 3 years old since publication. These things change rapidly and we cannot accommodate out of date books. They are heavy and we have no place that will accept them.

We are looking primarily for robes and stoles and things like communion service, both travel and for congregations.



President's Message



What is the saying...Time flies when you are having fun? Well, as my tenure as President of RCA comes to a close it feels like July, 2022 was only yesterday. There has been a lot of water under the bridge but we have crossed over that bridge and RCA is moving on. We had a good time at Spring Fling. We are looking forward to another VIM trip, and our annual luncheon meeting at ACS and catching up with long time friends is only a month away. It will be my pleasure to welcome Barbara Horikoshi-Firebaugh as President, along with new Board members.

I owe Tom Kimball a big thank you for having the confidence in my skills when he asked me to be Vice-President four years ago. It has been my pleasure to work with so many people that I have known since I started coming to ACS with Frank in 1981. Everyone has been so supportive and ready to help. Thank you all for the time and energy you put in to making the Retired Clergy Association a place where we can support each other in all we do.

Peace and Joy,
Sandy Roberts

Meet the Class of 2023

Richard Thompson said he and his wife are planning on staying in Bakersfield for a time as they prepare to be able to move to Washington State to be with their daughter's family . They look forward to being with and helping with their grandchildren.





Are you Aware of the Shepherd Fund?

Article: Are you retired clergy, a spouse, or widow of a retired clergy person experiencing a financial challenge? You may qualify for funds available through The Conference Claimants' Endowment Board's Shepherd Fund. Examples of financial challenges include, but are not limited to, hearing aids, vision assistance, natural disaster relief, funeral costs, extraordinary dental work, identity theft fallout, or unforeseen relocation costs. Asking for help can be difficult for those who have chosen a life of service and selflessness, but the hope is that those who qualify will see the Fund as a blessing. The Fund is confidentially administered by the Conference Board of Pensions office. If you or someone you know is interested in accessing the Shepherd Fund, please reach out to the Conference Board of Pensions office for more information at 916-913-1049.

Meet the Class of 2023

Kim Risedorph is looking forward to her "adult gap year". She has been the senior pastor at San Ramon Valley UMC for 5 years. Previously Kim served as associate pastor at Lynnewood, Pleasanton, and co-pastor and then lead pastor at Asbury Livermore for a total of 19 years in the pastorate. Her plans for her "adult gap year" this first year of retirement include tending to things other than church and conference work. Her husband, Steve Elliott, has been very active in mission work for many years, including serving on the Conference Committee on Mission service, and he will continue that activity.



To guide their journey into the next stage of life she and Steve will walk the Camino Santiago this September! Sounds like the perfect transition to the next stage of her journey through life.

Kim and Steve will remain in their home near San Ramon, as they have found it to be a great place to live for a number of years.

Mission and Justice Committee

We continue to seek an optimum location for our next work project [while we wait for an opportunity in Maui. We connect with retired clergy working on justice issues: Sharon Delgado on climate change – lead a study on one of her books, invite her to zoom with your class! And with Michael Yoshi:

There will be a Zoom conversation, **May 8 at 10:30**
with Michael, and our friends from the ancient Palestinian West Bank village
Wadi Fouquin. contact Betty for the zoom link: bettypagett@gmail.com

Housing and homelessness are major California issues, most likely in your church and community. Betty spent the last 16 years of her ministry as Director of Education and Advocacy for Ecumenical Association for Housing, and in retirement working with Homeward Bound on permanent supportive housing for families with children moving out of homelessness. She continues to consult with churches on ways to understand the crisis and possible steps to take. Contact her if you would like to discuss your community and church on these issues.

We welcome your ideas, connections, hopes. Betty Pagett and Marty Murdock

Meet the Class of 2023

It was a pleasure to interview Neal Harris, who worshipped with us at Grace UMC in Santa Cruz, while I, Marty Murdock was pastor there and he was a student at UCSC, before he went off to seminary at Duke. Now he will enter the retired relationship this July, some 40 years later, completing his yoked appointment at Reedley First UMC and Riverdale UMC. It sounds like it has required a careful balancing act there, since the Reedley church is continuing in the UMC and the Riverdale church is choosing to disaffiliate.



In retirement Neal is looking forward to more time for gardening, exercise, and reading. He and his wife Lynn also look forward to traveling, but not immediately, since she is younger than Neal and will not retire from her work as a Special Education teacher for another year or two. Their daughter Heidi is completing her studies in Music Performance and Music Education at Indiana University and their son Kent is in the midst of his studies in Agriculture Business at Reedley College and California State University Fresno. We welcome Neal and Lynn into our midst in the retired relationship and into the Retired Clergy Association.

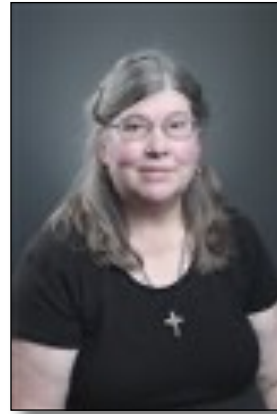
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Gayle Basten has taken the retired relationship, as “I aged out” and was immediately reappointed to serve one more year at Pacific Grove First UMC, which is bringing her much joy..

When Gayle was appointed to Pacific Grove, we got acquainted out on my, Alice Ann Glenn, patio for Tea, as Covid was keeping us all distancing from one another. She loves the Arts, was a college theater major, and enjoys incorporating theatrics into liturgy.

Gayle is a people person, loves children and dogs. Before her call to ministry she was a Clinical Social Worker, working in the San Francisco VA Hospital 11 years in the Mental Health Unit and with the Homeless. This background has helped her to meet anyone where they are in life.

When Gayle is “really” retired, she looks forward to doing things with RCA, but for now, she need to focus on her appointment and her District Committee on Ordained Ministry work.



It was fun for me, Marty Murdock to catch up with **Linda Ford** for this welcoming interview. For one thing, we both served First UMC in Tulare, in different chapters, and she also grew up in that church when her dad, Cliff Ford, was pastor there. Further, I have enjoyed her writing and storytelling across the years, and I hear that she intends to continue that work in retirement, along with various craft projects.

She reflects that it’s hard for her to leave her work as pastor and her church in Fortuna. They are quite a resilient group, having been through earthquakes in December of 21 and December of 22, which shattered stained glass windows and tore the organ pipes loose from the wall.

Now she and her twin sister Martha (Martie) will both be moving to Modesto, where they have purchased condos near each other. It will still be within reach of their old friends in Monterey, and the prices are more affordable than on the coast.

As I mentioned, Linda plans to continue writing and publishing books, stories, cozy mysteries and such, and a historical novel about her grandmother.

Welcome, Linda, to the retired relationship, and to the Retired Clergy Association!



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Birthdays

May

FRANCES ALLRED
 SHERRY ATKINS
 MARGARET BARKER
 KARLA BOWMAN
 JB BRAYFINDLEY
 SARAH ANN BROWNRIGG
 CHERYL COLLINS
 CELINDA CURRENT
 PATRICK DAVIS
 LINDA DE OCERA
 SUSAN DUNN
 DAVID ELLIS
 OSCAR ESCAMILLA
 JERRY FOX
 SUSAN GARMENT
 LOTHAIR GREEN
 DIANA GREER-ABISTON
 MISRAK HABTE
 LINDA HARRELL
 LINDA HAYWARD
 JIM HEALY
 HUBERT IVERY
 JOSEPH JACOBS
 JUDITH JOGIS
 ERNEST KAN
 TOSHIKAZU KUWABARA
 JIM LOCKWOOD-STEWART
 EDIE McCOY
 MARTHA MONROE
 JACOB MOODY
 CAROL OLMSTEAD
 CRAIG PATERSON

LARRY PATTEN
 KELLEY PUDINSKI
 RUTH RAMBO-BROWN
 JAN RATLIFF-HARTLIFF
 MARK SAWDON
 BERT SCHNIEPP
 CAROLE SPARKMAN
 MARIA STURDIVANT
 MICHAEL SWARTZ
 DIANE TAYLOR
 CARL THOMAS
 POH-GAIK TOH
 CLYDE VAUGHN
 ROMY VELASCO
 GIL VIEIRA
 CHARLIE VIRTS
 BOB WEISER
 MARK WHARFF
 SCOTT WYLIE

June

PAM ABBEY
 PAINI AFU
 JERRY ANGOVE
 GREGG ATKINS
 CAROLE BERGMAN
 PHYLLIS BIRD
 MONA BLACKBURN
 PEGGY BOSCH
 LAURIE BROAD
 PAUL CABOTAJE
 GEORGE CARTER
 CAROLEE CATTERALL
 ANNE CHOY
 SYLVIA CORSON
 JUDY CURRIER
 NANCY DALEY
 ELENA DE LA PENNA
 DEBBIE DILLON
 STEVE ELLIOT
 DAVID FRANKS
 SANDY GESS
 GARY GRUNDMAN
 SHARALYN HAMILTON
 BOB HARDMAN
 EVA HERSCHBACH-MARTIN

RAYMOND JELLISON
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 JOHN KRAPS
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 JERRY SMITH
 BILLY SPARKMAN
 MARY LEAS STEGALL
 JUDITH STONE
 KATHLEEN TILLINGHAST
 WILL TRAVELSTEAD
 GLENNIS WILBER
 SHIRLEY WINCENTSEN
 CHUCKUA YANG

Anniversaries

May

JERRY & MARGARET BRUCE
CAROL CARTER & TOM
GOULD
JOHN & STACI CURRENT
LOIS & RICHARD EDDE
MADI ELSEA & ROD LEE
RENAE & PAUL EXTRUM-
FERNANDEZ
ANGELO FAZIO & MARY
PRANCE
DOUG & ANGELI FITCH
ART GAFKE & ELENA DE LA
PENA
LOTHAIR & JOYCE GREEN
GARY & DEBBI GRUNDMAN
TONY & MARTHA HOEFNER
CHUCK & LOU JOHNSTONE
ELIZABETH & MONTEE
KENNEDY
PHILIP & HEE-SOK KIM
HENRY & EUN-YOUNG KIM
WE-WOONG & YOUNG SOOK
KIM
JEFFREY KUAN & POH-GAIK
TOH
PHIL & JoANN LAWSON
JOHN & LORI McLAUGHLIN
PETE & CATHY NELSON
LORI & MARK SAWDON
DAN & MARIA STURDIVANT
BARBARA TROXELL & GENE
BOUTILIER
SCOTT WYLIE & DENISE
BOWMAN-WYLIE

June

BILL & MARY BECK
MYRNA & ELLIOT
BERNADEL-HUEY
RACHEL BERRY & JOHN
KRAPS
DICK & NANCY BOWMAN
THOMAS & JOYCE BRACKNEY
ROD & JB BRAYFINDLEY
BOB & HAZEL BUCKNER
DON & JUDY BURKHART
CHUCK & STELLA CORDES
MARILYN ERICKSEN &
TAMARA WARREN
LARRY & LYNN GEORGE
HEATHER & JIM HAMMER
NEAL & LINDA HARRELL
PAUL & BARBARA HENSHAW
EVA HERSCHBACH-MARTIN &
ED MARTIN
VERN & MELINDA HILL
HUBERT IVERY & DONNA
FADO IVERY
ROB & DIXIE JENNINGS-
TEATS
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CARPENTER
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KIM & DENICE LESLIE
ODETTE & JIM LOCKWOOD-
STEWART
HELEN MANSFIELD & VICTOR
IZZO
BRIAN & BARBARA MARK
VICTOR & NANCY MATSON



MARTY & CHERYL MURDOCK
NEAL & FRAN NEUENBURG
BOB & CAROL OLMSTEAD
RONALD & RUTH PARKER
GINNIE & LARRY PEARSON
RICHARD & SHARON PITCHER
KIM RISEDORPH & STEVE
ELLIOT
JERRY & BARBARA SMITH
CINDY STORRS & BRUCE
NEARN
DOROTHY & JERRY STRAKS
MARK & ANNE MARIE VALE
LOC & LISA VO
AUDREY & ROBERT WARD
MARK & LAURA WHARFF
ANDREA & JIM WINCHESTER
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June 2024

For CA-NV Conference Claimants
(Retired Clergy, Spouses, Surviving Spouses)



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Name: _____

Name of Spouse (if attending): _____ Spouse is Clergy? yes ___ no ___

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I hereby request reimbursement in the amount of \$ _____ for expenses incurred at the 2024 Annual Conference Session for food, lodging, parking, and mileage.**

****Please attach your receipts. Receipts are REQUIRED for reimbursement**

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ONE DAY'S attendance for Retired Clergy/Surviving Spouse	(max \$450)
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Return this filled form with all receipts attached to:

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Elk Grove, CA 95624

CHECKS WILL BE MAILED AFTER CONFERENCE

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Annual Conference Luncheon

Friday, June 7, 2024

SAFE Credit Union Convention Center, Rooms 9 & 10

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 24, 2024**

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 Spinach salad, bread & butter, and Flourless Chocolate Decadence for dessert. Water, coffee, and tea will also be available.

RCA LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

Member 1 Name _____

Food Choice:

- Pan Seared Salmon w/Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetable
 Roasted Chicken w/ Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetable
 Risotto Cake w/ Red Pepper Sauce, Spinach & Beech Mushrooms & Seasonal Vegetable (Vegan)

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

Lifetime FREE

Member 2 Name _____

Food Choice:

- Pan Seared Salmon w/Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetable
 Roasted Chicken w/ Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetable
 Risotto Cake w/ Red Pepper Sauce, Spinach & Beech Mushrooms & Seasonal Vegetable (Vegan)

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

Lifetime FREE

E-mail address (for confirmation) _____

You will receive an email confirmation.

If you have not heard by May 29 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Conference Session

June 7-10, 2024

> Sacramento Convention
Center

Deadline for Luncheon

MAY 24, 2024

Annual Luncheon

June 7, 2024

> Sacramento Convention
Center Rooms 9 & 10