

California-Pacific Conference of the United Methodist Church
NORTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE – MAY 11, 2025



Resident Bishop
Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank

Assistant District Director
Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon

North District Superintendent
Rev. Garth C. Gilliam

District Lay Leaders
Norman & Patty Kelsey

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once. "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

– John 13:31-35

DISTRICT CONFERENCE BOOKLET & RESOURCE



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9:00 a.m.	Log On, Slides, Announcements	
9:10 a.m.	Opening Worship	
9:30 a.m.	Call to Order	Rev. Garth C. Gilliam North District Superintendent (DS)
	Election of North District Conference Secretary	DS Garth
	Cherish – words from our DS	DS Garth
	Intro to Annual Conference	Video
	Budget	Video
	Be a Rock in your Flock	Video
	Election of District Leadership	DS Garth & Patty Kelsey
	Election of Annual Conference District Lay Members	DS & Norm Kelsey
	Recognize Clergy & Churches	DS & Patty Kelsey
11:00 a.m.	Closing Prayer	Rev. Garth C. Gilliam
	Adjourn	



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Worship Leaders



Opening Prayer	Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe	First UMC of Pasadena
Worship Song	"God So Loved"	Magnolia Park UMC Worship Team
John 13:31-35 Korean	Rev. Ralph Kwon	Northridge UMC & Woodland Hills UMC
John 13:31-35 Tongan	Rev. Martin Finau	University Isla Vista UMC
John 13:31-35 Spanish	Pastor Jaime Torres	Bardsdale UMC
John 13:31-35 English	Rev. Kate Hunter	Easter Sierra Cooperative Parish
Message	Rev. Adrian Garcia	First UMC of Pacoima

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Welcome by DS Rev. Melissa MacKinnon at 9:11 am. FLOURISH is our theme and emphasis – focus for the Conference in the coming year is Psalm 92: 12-14.

Incoming DS Rev Garth Gilliam opened the meeting with prayer.

Spirit-filled worship presented by different churches and leaders in the North District.

Meeting called to order by DS Rev. Melissa MacKinnon at 9:26 am

Rev. Matt McPhee introduced process for online voting

North District Laity – Crescenta Valley UMC Janice Burke elected as Conference Secretary

Vote on Minutes from last year's meeting May 6,2023 – Voted and approved as presented.

DPAS – North District Planning and Strategy Committee Video - This group works with the District Superintendent, Change Manager and churches. They help with Innovation, Revitalization, and Sustainability. Grow disciples and ministries. Showed examples of different churches and how they are helping them.

Change Manager – Rev Dr Mary Dennis presented a report on the work she is doing to help nourish the pastors and congregations of the North District. For last 6 years she has served in this role and is retiring. Thanks to all she has done for our churches in the North District for her work and leading us. We wish her well. Reverend Melissa MacKinnon will be taking over this role.

DS Rev Melissa MacKinnon led introduction and approval of the North District leadership on committees for the coming year. DS Melissa gave thanks for those who have served and are rolling up, all were voted and approved. She prayer for all.

District Lay Leader JP Harris will be stepping down to be an assistant lay leader. We thank him for his service in this position.

Norman and Patty Kelsey have been voted in as North District Co-Lay Leaders.

Participants were invited to answer a question for a word cloud. *Where are you seeing the United Methodist Church Flourish?* The polling for this had technical difficulties so this was not answered.

General Conference update on what happened during that gathering. Worship services had been spectacular and spirit filled. People are praying and open to discuss the issues as a

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community. There is opportunity for a new beginning and how to do that with grace and connection. The Holy Spirit is moving. The 3 R's - Regionalization, Revised Social Principals and Removing harmful language. Change was celebrated in the next chapter in the United Methodist Church. God is doing a new thing.

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank discussed how we will be moving forward. The North District Annual Budget will not be presented at this meeting. It is being tabled as General Conference just took place and it takes time to process. At the 2024 Annual Conference it will be discussed and if more time is needed for the Cal Pac Budget it will be voted on and moving to a date in November. 2024 Transparency and connectivity is prioritized to help frame the budget according to the values and priorities for the Cal-Pac Conference.

North District Lay Delegates – Youth, Young Adult, and Adult nominees were lifted up for vote, as well as nominations from the floor were invited and taken – Daniella Lake was added as Alternate Young Adult Lay Member, and Santy Diaz was added as an alternate Youth Lay Member. The entire slate was voted and approved as one complete delegation of Lay Members. All individuals listed and nominated from the floor were approved and will convene as North District Lay Members to Annual Conference 2024.

JP Harris – outgoing Lay Leader – prayed for all the delegates.

DS Rev Melissa MacKinnon celebrated clergy in the North District who are retiring, returning to the retired status, leaving the district to serve in other districts, and welcoming the clergy coming in for appointments in the North District.

We thank DS Rev Melissa MacKinnon for her 3-years of service to the North District, along with 3-years as the East District as DS. Pastor Melissa will be taking on a new role as Assistant District Director/Change Manager. And we welcome Rev Garth Gilliam as he will be starting his role as the North District Superintendent on July 1st.

DS Rev Melissa MacKinnon gave thanks for and celebrated the 42 churches who met the 85-100% goal of apportionments in 2023.

District Conference closed in prayer by Rev. Dr. Elbert Kim and Rev. Dr. Sang Yung Lee at 10:24 am.

District sent forward in peace by DS Rev. MacKinnon at 10:30 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Janice Burke

La Crescenta UMC



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District Superintendent Report

North District Conference

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As the North District embraces the theme of "Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Cherish!" and I reflect on my first year as a district superintendent, I give thanks to God for his goodness, mercy and grace and the wonderful people and leaders that make up the North District. While there are too many to recognize here in this report, I must lift up a few of the many who have eased my transition to this new challenging role.

I must thank Pastor Angela Galanis, the North District superintendency committee chair, and her team that so warmly welcomed me and planned an outstanding event that reflected my hopes of attracting both young and old with a fun-filled BBQ as part of this installation and celebration worship.

The wonderful North district is a rich tapestry of churches and people that span the ministry spectrum from a "Worm Farm" ministry to the east in Bishop; to a successful new start church in South Pasadena; to a powerful Hispanic Mission church in the North Hills expanding the reach of Lay Servant Ministries to our Spanish speaking family; to a vibrant music outreach ministry to young people in our Camarillo and Bardsdale Communities; to several central coast churches who are supporting and ministering to immigrant communities.

However, we as a District and Conference also grieved and mourned with our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been devastated by this year's wildfires. Even though we can't know the depths of their hurt and pain, our hearts are broken with theirs. And even though the wounds are still fresh, we pray that healing would begin, and that hope would rise up with a spirit of faith and trust to sustain these victims for the long haul. We are also thankful to be in this UM Connection, and have eye witnessed our people rally around, support and walk with these churches, pastors and their members through this dark and troubling season with prayers, presence, gifts, gift cards, air purifiers, cars and other generous acts too many to enumerate. We pray for their strength, resilience and fortitude to keep moving and pressing forward, or just to daily take one more step towards wholeness. We are reminded of 2 Cor 4:9 "In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again", as reflected in our North District "Hope & Healing" Service and



theme of "LA/Altadena Strong" provided to support these precious souls even as we plan a follow up service for fire victims May 31st entitled, "Still Here, Still Strong".

We also mourned, but still celebrated, the wonderful North District pastors and leaders whose lives are now with the Church Triumphant such as Rev. Gilbert Stones, Rev. David Burgeson, Rev. Dr. Lydia Waters, Rev. Dr. Afrie Songco-Joye and Joyce Zirkle.

I still have much to learn, but one thing I have quickly discovered is that it takes quite a team to do the work required in a District. So I am thankful to have the partnership of new North District Co-Lay Leaders, Patty and Norman Kelsey (as well as the Associate District Lay Leaders), DPAS Chair, Rev Eric Iki, DCOM Chair, Rev Eric Scott, NDU Chair, Rev Andy Mattick (including their gifted teams), Change Manger, Rev Melissa MacKinnon, District Treasurer & Historian, Rev Lew Fry and our amazing North District Administrative Assistant, Jan Newton, who is the center hub keeping all things North District moving forward!

I recently heard a moving metaphor that strongly resonated stating, that the church needs to transition from a "Blockbuster" to a "Netflix" mindset. I also saw a recent statistic that 1% of pastors believe their churches are doing well at reaching the unchurched. And even though many of our Congregations are aging, we still see vibrant and effective ministries taking place; however, an ongoing mantra I've heard visiting many churches in our District is "how can we reach younger generations". This thought preoccupies much of my thinking and ignites a passionate purpose and call to be intentional in our efforts and focused like a laser on reaching Young People, Young Families, Young Adults and Youth.

In fact, I have adopted a personal Mission Statement that states: "WE WILL REACH YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUNG FAMILIES AT ALL COSTS".

With this said North District friends, please look for and plan on being a part of our upcoming "Pastor/Lay Leadership Academy" in the fall/winter of 2025 which will center around this very cause.

Peace and Blessings Beloved,

Rev. Garth C. Gilliam

North District Superintendent



Assistant District Director/Change Manager Report

North District Conference
May 10, 2025

It has been a joy of my heart to serve as the North District Change Manager since July 2024. I've had the honor of supporting District Superintendent Garth Gilliam, laity, clergy, and churches across our District so we might all flourish in faith. I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside you in ministry. Below are highlights of the work we've shared together.

Congregational Support & Ministry Development

- Visioning Retreats: Facilitated one-day retreats for several North District Churches using MissionInsit, and an Appreciative Inquiry type approach to provide information for future ministry direction.
- Coaching: Offered individual and congregational coaching to strengthen leadership and ministry planning.
- Conflict Transformation: Provided conflict support and mediation services to some North District churches.
- Grief Ministry: Led a 4-week grief class at Santa Clarita UMC and helped led their Blue Christmas service.
- Preschool Director Meetings: Facilitated monthly sessions addressing HR, personnel policy development, and leadership growth.
- Aided with churches deed filing, tax filing and state compliance.
- 213 Team Leadership: Led a 213-team supporting the North Oxnard faith community.
- Candidate Support: Continued to guide ministry candidates through certification, licensing, and ordination.
- Pulpit Supply: Preached at various churches to provide pastoral coverage during leaves and periods of spiritual renewal.
- Attended and participated in North District Committees; North District Union, District Planning and Strategy, North District2 Hispanic Committee, Santa Paula Endowment, supporting innovative ministry and legacy stewardship.

Seminars & Trainings

- LA County Faith Summit: Participated in this collaborative effort focused on ending homelessness through faith-based partnerships.
- MissionInsit Training: Attended a webinar introducing the new MissionInsit platform to better support data-driven church strategy.



- Commercial Leasing Webinar: Gained insights into new tenant protections for 2025—information now available to support churches entering leases.
- Clergy Community Coalition (Pasadena): Engaged in conversations around long-term fire recovery and local church involvement in community care.

Resource & Data Support

- Pulled MissionInsite reports for multiple churches wanting to know their neighborhoods better and to assist in strategic planning and community engagement.
- Helped churches identify and apply for grants to support new and ongoing ministry.
- Supported Charge Conferences, either assisting or presiding at the request of the District Superintendent.

Property Development & Oversight

- College Ministry Center UMC: Along with many over the 5 years of this project, in the last year I oversaw the completion and turnover of this affordable housing development project; groundbreaking is scheduled for May 2025.
- Continued guiding several churches exploring property development opportunities.

Fire Recovery for Altadena UMC

- Altadena UMC Fire Recovery (25% appointment)
 - Supported Pastor Andre Wilson and the congregation in navigating fire recovery processes, including FEMA and insurance coordination.
 - Assisted with administrative needs and strategic planning for long-term recovery.

Serving the North District in this capacity continues to be a meaningful and dynamic experience of the Holy Spirit's work. Thank you for your trust and partnership in building place Holy spaces in the everyday. I look forward to what we will continue to build together in God's grace.

Blessings,

Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon

North Assistant District Director & Change Manager



District Committee on Ordained Ministry Report

North District Conference

May 10, 2025

The North District Committee on Ordained Ministry represents the congregations of the district in guiding, supporting, evaluating, and approving candidates to interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry in the California-Pacific Annual Conference. The Committee—a team of clergy and lay members—also approves and meets regularly with local pastors, lay persons assigned to serve local churches, and Certified Lay Ministers.

Part of the Committee's responsibility is to encourage those in our midst to discern the call of God in their lives. For some, that call leads to faithful service as a baptized Christian and lay person within the local church, perhaps teaching Sunday School, feeding those who are hungry, or visiting those who are sick. For others, the call leads toward ordained ministry or a formal, specialized ministry such as a Certified Lay Minister. How does God call you to live out your faith in concrete ways?

For those who feel a call to ordained ministry, the first step is to have a conversation with the pastor of their own local church. While we do hear the call of God inwardly, we also know that the larger community of the church must affirm that call. The Committee encourages clergy to help the people of the local church to make sense of the call, and to discern whether that leads toward ordained ministry or in another direction. More information is available from the Board of Ordained Ministry:

<https://www.calpacumc.org/bom/>

The Committee on Ordained Ministry members can be found in the District Nominations Committee report.

Rev. Eric Scott – North DCOM Chair



District Planning & Strategy Committee Report

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Good morning siblings in Christ. It's been a pleasure serving as the chair of the North District Planning and Strategy Committee over the course of the last year. As a committee composed of both clergy and laity, our goal is to partner with churches in the North District in their ministry efforts. As we welcomed Reverend Garth Gilliam as our new District Superintendent as well as Reverend Melissa MacKinnon as our new change manager, our committee continues to look forward to the vision being set in motion by the DS and staff.

As many of our churches are looking for resources or support, DPAS works to walk alongside local churches as well as the district staff to carry this out. Through equitable comp, microgrants, grant proposals through New Ministries, work with our NDU, and help through leases, DPAS is able support you through whatever journey your church is embarking on. If you haven't done so already, take a look at our video showing you what DPAS does. [\(2024 DPAS -short\)](#) If you or your church are interested in learning more about anything DPAS does, please don't hesitate in reaching out and seeing how we can journey alongside of you during this time.

Over the past year, we have worked alongside North District churches that have been exploring affordable housing and have worked with our change manager, Reverend Melissa MacKinnon. For any churches who are thinking about this important work, please reach out. We have also taken time to visit churches that are vital presence ministries or have received microgrants to witness the fruitfulness and flourishing of our congregations. We have also worked alongside churches that have requested equitable comp and lease reviews. We have also helped to discuss continued resourcing for Altadena UMC through their continued fire recovery efforts. Lastly, we walked alongside churches through our paragraph 213 process. Through all of our important work, we hope to continue to be a service to our local churches by providing opportunities for collaboration in future endeavors.

Rev. Eric Iki – North DPAS Chair



District Hispanic Committee Report

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After the passing of our beloved Rev. Lupita, who served as chairperson of this ministry, we faced a period of deep grief. It was difficult to process her loss and resume our work. However, a few months later, we gathered once again in 2024, and I, Ervin Aguilon, was elected Chair of the ministry. Since then, we have been meeting consistently every two months.

On March 15 of this year, we held our first ministerial retreat, at Sherman Oaks UMC, where we focused on discerning the direction of our ministry. Together, we explored our goals, strategies for effective ministry, and the resources needed to support one another. At the retreat, we agreed to strengthen existing ministries by providing the unique support each one needs in its own context. We also committed to hosting an annual Hispanic Ministries Celebration. This year, the celebration will be held in Pacoima on **September 27, 2025**, with the support and participation of all our Hispanic ministries.

Thanks to the leadership of the North District, and with strong support from our conference leaders, pastors, and superintendents, an important new initiative has begun: Lay Servant and Lay Speaker classes in Spanish. These classes began in person and via Zoom on Monday, April 7, 2025 at North Hills Hispanic Mission, which will also serve as the headquarters for this ministry. We are excited to share that 36 students enrolled in this first round of classes.

Our vision is that those who complete the lay preacher training, become certified, and feel called to serve can help launch or support Hispanic ministries across the district. They may lead Bible studies during the week or assist in other church events, always in partnership with the local church and our committee.



We currently have **five active Hispanic ministries** making an impact in our communities:

- **Santa Barbara First UMC**
Two dedicated families serve actively in the church, organizing events to engage the Hispanic community. Led by Pastor Liz Aguilar.
- **Bardsdale UMC**
Hosting community events to connect with and welcome the Hispanic community. Led by Pastor Jaime Torres.
- **Pacoima First UMC**
Recently began a Spanish-language Bible study, and Spanish-speaking individuals have started attending Sunday services. The church is also launching outreach events to serve the community. Led by Pastor Adrian Garcia.
- **Van Nuys UMC**
This ministry is growing steadily, with youth, children, and families now involved in leadership. Community events are held regularly to invite more people to the church. Led by Preacher Leah Gallardo.
- **North Hills Hispanic Mission**
Experiencing vibrant growth with active ministries: Kids of God Ministry, Servants of God Women Ministry, Youth on Fire Ministry, Welcoming Ministry, Multimedia Ministry, and a Worship Team. These ministries serve both on Sundays and throughout the week. We are currently developing the Evangelism and Benevolence ministries, with the goal of launching them fully by the end of the year. Additionally, we will host our **Vacation Bible School this summer** and hold a **Family Camp in August**, at Wrightwood Camp, but this year we will open our Camp to all Spanish-speaking families across the Conference.

There is real hope and excitement for the future of Hispanic Ministries in our district.

With God's guidance and the collaboration of our communities and the district support, we are moving forward with purpose and unity. Praise be to God!

Pastor Ervin Aguilan – North District Hispanic Committee Chair



District United Women in Faith Report

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"We are women with a purpose. We connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that we can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities."

In a nutshell, this describes who we are as United Women in Faith. Our Purpose directs what we do and who we are in the communities where we live and in places beyond our borders. We see a "world in which women, children and youth can thrive and reach their fullest potential."

Our year actually began in September at our District Annual Celebration as we gathered as a district organization to elect our district leadership team of officers and conduct necessary business such as adopting a budget which includes establishing our Pledge to Mission for the ensuing year. Meeting at Sherman Oaks UMC, we additionally heard from Rev. Royce Porter and Pastor Rey Guevarra about the Cal-Pac Urban Kids Camp.

In 2024-2025, there were opportunities in which to participate both at the district and conference levels:

- Leadership team trainings
- UWFaith luncheon at Annual Conference
- Mission u held at Cal State Long Beach
- Annual Celebrations and other planned events

Cal-Pac UWFaith, with the assistance of the North District Leadership Team, was excited to host a visit by our General Secretary and CEO, Sally Vonner, at Pasadena First UMC on March 16, 2025. This rare opportunity afforded a face-to-face conversation with our national leader.



The North District also planned and executed a visit to David and Margaret Youth and Family Services in La Verne on April 29, 2025. It is one of nearly 90 National Mission Institutions. In Cal-Pac, we have four national missions within our conference boundaries. Besides David and Margaret, there is Toberman Neighborhood Center in San Pedro, Calexico Neighborhood House in Calexico, CA and Susannah Wesley Community Center in Honolulu, HI.

In 2026, we eagerly anticipate the UWFaith Assembly that will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana from May 15-17. We will gather from across the country to "Dream it! Believe it! Do it!"

I leave you with this UWFaith [Micah 6:8 Pledge](#) which invites us to:

- Act justly by standing against injustice in all its forms, from racial inequities to environmental degradation.
- Love mercy by showing compassion and empathy to those who are suffering, particularly women, children and marginalized groups.
- Walk humbly with our God by dedicating our work to God's service, trying to be humble in our advocacy, and recognizing that we are part of a larger community of justice-seekers.

Practicing hope,

Diane Garner – North District UWFaith President





San Fernando #1 Mission Area Report

North District Conference

May 10, 2025

Greetings from San Fernando Mission Area #1, which includes Northridge UMC, Valley Korean UMC, Chatsworth UMC, and Knollwood UMC. While it can be challenging to gather regularly due to the demands of our individual ministries, we are grateful to be part of the same community, allowing us to come together to pray, share, and support one another. Throughout the year, we have been meeting consistently to discern how we can more effectively serve our community. Together, we strive to faithfully use our gifts and graces to fulfill our mission of transforming our community and making a lasting impact in the world.

In the past, Pastor Eric Iki of Chatsworth UMC graciously opened the church facilities as an emergency temporary shelter for migrants, with support from our churches through meals, mattresses, and volunteers. More recently, Chatsworth UMC launched a bimonthly Dinner Church service for the community and invited our churches to participate in the Gaza Soup Kitchen, helping to advocate and educate about the ongoing wars in Palestine.

We also blessed to share Rev. Douglas Dickson and Northridge UMC ministries. The last year has been one of new-birth and resurrection at NUMC. We have seen a variety of new ministries and the strengthening of the church in many areas, such as: administration, Bible studies, worship celebration, and even a host of capital improvements and repairs. The Northridge UMC congregation looks forward to continuing to build and renew ministries and mission in our community and the world. We celebrated the ministry of Rev. Ralph Kwon who has been appointed to Woodland Hills UMC, and we look forward to years of partnership in ministry with Rev. Kwon and the church he serves. We also rejoice in Rev. Kwon's ordination to full connection at the upcoming Annual Conference in June.



Valley Korean UMC, led by Co-Pastors Rev. Dr. Jung Sup Ahn and Rev. Dr. Bo Yong Lee, continues to serve not only the Korean community but also provides ministries across all generations—including children, youth, parents, and new members that are available to the community to join and learn.

At Knollwood UMC, our English and Tongan Language Ministries remain committed to supporting North Valley Caring Services through our weekly breakfast ministry, thrift store, food distribution, Hope Gardens, and partnerships with local neighborhood and interfaith churches. Just last Sunday, we joined San Fernando First UMC and Pacoima First UMC in hosting our Annual Revival Worship, where we were blessed with an uplifting message from our DS. It was a powerful time of worship, fellowship, and unity, where we also received offerings in support of Altadena UMC.

We are deeply grateful to our District Superintendent, Rev. Garth Gilliam, for joining one of our meetings last year with a spirit of openness, offering his support, prayers, and encouragement. I am also truly thankful for the partnership and dedication of our Mission Area pastors, whose commitment has been a great blessing to our ministry.

As we prepare for the upcoming Annual Conference, we hold close the love and support we share with one another. In this spirit of connectionalism, we are reminded that we are never alone—for the power of the resurrection continues to empower, encourage, and transform our communities.

In Christ's peace,

Kalesita Tu'ifua – North District San Fernando #1 Mission Area Leader



North District Union Board Report

North District Conference

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I am pleased to present the written report of the North District Union, where we are stewards of district resources so that we can nurture and equip vulnerable ministries in partnership with other entities to ensure all have a place to learn and know God's love.

The District Union members are asked to respond to requests for funds concerning property, insurance, and legal circumstances in our District, as well as emergencies in our local churches and occasionally responds to requests from the District Superintendent and Annual Conference.

The District Union is also the "legal entity" which holds and administers the funds for North District Planning and Strategy. The members of the District Union faithfully approach the monumental task and do take seriously the responsibility entrusted to them. The District Union acts as a sort of Board of Trustees for the properties over which we have/had direct responsibilities; the properties since May 2022 are College Ministry Center UMC, North Hills Mission Center, Woodland Hills UMC, South Pasadena UMC ministries, and 444 Cook Drive in Fillmore, CA.

Curt Elrod handles property responsibilities as Property Manager for the North District Union. We thank Curt for his work to help maintain our properties. We are most grateful and give thanks for Rev. Garth C. Gilliam, North District Superintendent, for his ongoing support and input to the North District Union; he has ramped up quickly in his first year as DS. We appreciate Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon, Assistant District Director and Change Manager, who has proven invaluable in knowledge of the North District, thanks to her time spent cultivating relationships and historical knowledge as its prior DS.

We are grateful for the good work of the District Union Board and are energized by the many different experiences and business knowledge that the team possesses.



Since our last District Conference, your District Union has been able to support several of our churches/Ministries – South Pasadena UMC Ministries, ReNEW UMC, Urban Kids Camp, College UMC Ministries, Santa Barbara First UMC, First UMC San Fernando, Santa Clarita UMC, Woodland Hills UMC and North Hills Mission Ministries.

All of our monies reside in Interfaith Federal Credit Union and California-Pacific United Methodist Foundation. A 2024 Year-End summary of these accounts follows this report, and questions regarding any totals can be directed to our co-treasurers, Rev. Dr. Lew Fry or Charles Laing. We have developed a process and form for churches making funding requests. If you need further information, please contact Jan Newton in the North District Office.

It is an honor to serve in this role and with this board, I thank all who support, contribute to, and benefit from the good work of this team.

Be well,

Andy Mattick, North District Union Board Chair

North District Union Account Balances*

*per bank statements as of December 31, 2024

Interfaith Federal Credit Union

North District Union	\$ 149,322.91
Primary Savings	\$ 22,136.11
Church Corporate Checking	\$ 1,205.54
Money Market	\$ 125,981.26
NDU North Hills UMC CNTR	\$ 21,810.23
Primary Savings	\$ 75.00
Church Corporate Checking	\$ 8,902.25
Money Market	\$ 12,832.98
NDU Latino Ministry Fund	\$ 17,633.74
Primary Savings	\$ 592.95
Church Corporate Checking	\$ 66.05
Money Market	\$ 16,974.74
NDU District Ministries	\$ 71,771.47
Primary Savings	\$ 81.77
Church Corporate Checking	\$ 43,678.23
Money Market	\$ 28,011.47
NDU Woodland Hills Campus Mngmt Acct	\$ 42,766.44
Primary Savings	\$ 75.00
Church Corporate Checking	\$ 17,681.20
Money Market	\$ 25,010.24
NDU Fillmore Mgmt Acct	\$ 68,513.55
Primary Savings	\$ 25,845.26
Church Corporate Checking	\$ 12,656.00
Money Market	\$ 30,012.29
South Pasadena NDU UMC Ministries	\$ 10,310.95
Primary Savings	\$ 100.27
Church Corporate Checking	\$ 4,771.65
Money Market	\$ 5,439.03
NDU DPAS	\$ 32,426.56
Primary Savings	\$ 497.10
Church Corporate Checking	\$ 16,472.09
Money Market	\$ 15,457.37
NDU Santa Paula UMC Center	\$ 200,169.23
Primary Savings	\$ 21,365.99
Church Corporate Checking	\$ 53,748.10
Money Market	\$ 125,055.14
College Ministry Center UMC	\$ 4,741.97
Primary Savings	\$ 5.00
Church Corporate Checking	\$ 4,736.97
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Outside Investment Accounts	
NDU Cal-Pac Foundation: ND Union	\$ 452,493.42
NDU Cal-Pac Foundation: DPAS	\$ 525,192.50
NDU Vanguard: Santa Paula Endowment	\$ 229,846.25
GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,826,999.22



NORTH DISTRICT LEADERSHIP 2025-2028

North District Position	Name	E-Mail
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District UMM President	Open Position	
District Union Chair	Rev. Andy Mattick	revbigdog@gmail.com
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District Planning & Strategy + Location & Buildings Chair	Rev. Eric Iki	pastorcwumc@gmail.com

NORTH DISTRICT UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Rev. Andy Mattick - Chair	Sherry Perry	Kimberly Brush SECRETARY
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Charles Laing CO-TREASURER	Andrea Wang	Rev. Stephanie Rice

EX-OFFICIO: District Lay Leader, DPAS Rep, District Superintendent, Assistant District Director, L&B Chair, District Chancellor, Property Manager

DISTRICT PLANNING & STRATEGY / LOCATION & BUILDINGS (+)

2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
David Carlson	Rev Eric Iki + Chair	Rev. Kate Hunter +
Rev. Kristi Smith	Rev. Michelle Park NDU REP	Patty Kelsey
Rev. Sam Park	Rev. Adrian Garcia +	Rev. David Jamir +
Rev. Kurt Poland + SECRETARY	Andrea Mills + EQ REP	Rev. Alex Powell

EX-OFFICIO: NDU Chair, District Superintendent, Assistant District Director

NORTH DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENCY COMMITTEE

2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Laura Hernandez	Rev. Neil Platon	Rev. Rachel Tabutol
Lester Valenzuela	Rev. Michelle Park	Rev. Martin Finau
JP Harris	Rev. Angela Galanis-Price - Chair	Rev. Mina Nau-Mahe

EX-OFFICIO: District Superintendent

Vote for persons in **RED**

FINAL 05.07.25



NORTH DISTRICT LEADERSHIP 2025-2028

DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTRY

2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Rev. Bo Yong Lee <i>DEACON REP</i>	Rev. Eric Scott - Chair	Gary Holmen
Patty Kelsey	Rev. Anna Mulford <i>CONF LIAISON</i>	Rev. Kalesita Tu'ifua
Rev. Elaine Shin-Paull <i>REGISTRAR</i>	Kim Bell	Rev. Camille Mattick <i>DEACON REP</i>
Rev. Mark Sturgess	Howard Fallman	Rev. Jim Powell
Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins <i>CONF LIAISON</i>	Rev. Stacy Brooks	Rev. Melissa Roux-MacKinnon

EX-OFFICIO: District Superintendent

NORTH DISTRICT HISPANIC COMMITTEE

2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Pastor Ervin Aguilon - Chair	Rev. Liz Aguilar	Rev. Adrian Garcia
Rev. Sandy Liddell		Leah Switzer
		Pastor Jaime Torres

EX-OFFICIO: District Superintendent, Assistant District Director

LAY SERVANT COMMITTEE

2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
	Rev. Kalesita Tu'ifua	Pastor Ervin Aguilon
	Norman Kelsey	Kristi Shertz
	Samaithra David	Cristina Barrientos
		Vaha Fisi'ihoi

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NORTH DISTRICT LEADERSHIP 2025-2028

NORTH DISTRICT LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

YOUTH LAY MEMBERS (5)

NAME	CHURCH	EMAIL
Kalesita Tupou Tu'ifua	Knollwood UMC	sitauluave@gmail.com
Malaea LTonga	Knollwood UMC	sitauluave@gmail.com
Fangailupe Tu'ifua	Knollwood UMC	kutuifua@yahoo.com
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Aidan Dickson	Simi Valley UMC	stacydickson@me.com

Alternate:

YOUNG ADULT LAY MEMBERS (5)

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Kallie Smith	Westlake UMC	mckallan.j.smith@gmail.com
Emma Blanck	St. Matthew's Newbury Park	emmajblanck@gmail.com
Adilia Aguilón	North Hills Hispanic Mission	adiliaaguilon@gmail.com
Mele Akolotu Tu'ifua	Knollwood UMC	marytfaith@gmail.com
OPEN		

Alternate:

NORTH DISTRICT LAY EQUALIZATION MEMBERS (10)

NAME	CHURCH	EMAIL
Sheryl Paul	FUMC Reseda	curlylocks13@att.net
Sioki-Vaha Fisi'ihoi	Knollwood UMC	vaha0428@gmail.com
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Wanda McNeal	Santa Clarita UMC	shadyhaven@aol.com
Kimberly Brush	FUMC Paso Robles	brushkei@yahoo.com
Nicole Pearson	San Luis Obispo UMC	liv4themoment6@gmail.com
Leticia Echeverría	North Hills Hispanic Mission	leticiaecheverria02@gmail.com
Young Mae Kim	Holliston UMC	youngmaekim@gmail.com
Kevin Kang	Crescenta + Tujunga UMC	kevinkangxix@gmail.com

Alternate:



STILL HERE...

...still STRONG

Join the North District in a time of community, support & celebration, supporting our brothers & sisters from Altadena UMC and all who were impacted by the Eaton fire

We hope to see you there, as there will be something and fun for everyone - **food, games, worship, fellowship...**it is going to be a spirit-filled day that you will not want to miss!

**SATURDAY
10:30 AM - 3:30 PM
MAY 31, 2025**

FIRST UMC GLENDALE
134 N KENWOOD ST. GLENDALE, CA 91206

\$20 PER ADULT / \$10 PER CHILD

**COST COVERS MEAL &
FUNDRAISER**

We are raising \$\$ to provide a new play structure for the children of Altadena who are now worshipping at Scott UMC



GET MORE DETAILS,
REGISTER & PAY HERE

**IT WILL BE A DAY OF FUN
FOR EVERYONE**



*calling all
confirmands!!*



**We are celebrating ALL of the
confirmands in the district
and invite you to join in a
special service led by Bishop
Dottie Escobedo-Frank**

