

# BISHOP'S AWARD

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As an annual tradition, our Bishops have honored  
distinguished clergy and laypersons  
who have devoted their lives to extraordinary service  
to The California-Pacific Annual Conference

*Bishop Dotre Escobedo Frank*

## 2025 Recipients

Collette K. Andersen

Deborah E. Bass

Hilde Garrison

Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins

Patty Tokahuta-Kelsey

Rev. Richard Matsushita

Deborah M. Raysin

Kent Raysin

Doris Shigihara

### 2024 Recipients

Gloria Auburn  
Rev. Dr. Bau Dang  
Arlene Dempster  
Winnie James  
Albino "Al" Pineda  
Natividad Torres Lagaso  
Rev. Dr. Lydia Jackson Waters

### 2023 Recipients

Rev. Dr. Kimball Boyd Coburn, Sr.  
Ruth Conley  
Rev. Paul Hill  
Rev. Thomas Hill, III  
Songja Park  
Rev. Dr. Dale Smith  
Betty Venegas-Huebner

### 2022 Recipients

Rev. Rex Britt  
Patricia Coots  
Rev. Sylvester Gillespie  
Jacquelynn Hawthorne  
Judy Lewis  
Doug Lewis  
Lori Meaders  
Ellen Peterson  
Alma Roberts  
Rev. Brenda Simonds

### 2021 Recipients

J. André Aldridge  
Rev. David O. Beadle  
Winifred (Winnie) Ching  
Rev. Dr. Roy Lewis Fry, Jr.  
Rev. Robert Preston Price, III  
Rev. Dr. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett  
Jose Rodriguez  
Joyce L. Zirkle

### 2020 Recipients

Rev. James Conn  
Connie Freeman  
Phil Freeman  
Dan Gara  
Lorraine Kadooka  
Rev. Etuini Kelemen  
Tupou Seini Kelemen  
Rev. David Richardson  
Ana-Haydée Urda

### 2019 Recipients

Rev. Faith Joanne Conklin  
Kenneth Ellis  
Rev. Edward A. Hoffman  
(posthumously)  
Rev. Dr. Woong-Min Kim  
Rev. Kenneth E. McMillan  
(posthumously)  
M. Tyler Pottenger  
Tetsu Tanimoto  
George Williams

### 2018 Recipients

Francis Fukumoto  
JoAnn Yoon Fukumoto  
Howard Hudson  
Rev. Dan Kennedy  
Rev. Nancy G. Self  
Rev. Dr. Robert Smith  
Rev. Dr. F. Thomas Trotter  
Rev. J. Irwin Trotter  
Rev. Mark C. Trotter

### 2017 Recipients

Rev. Dr. John Cobb, Jr  
Gaunnie Hardin Dixon  
Becky Haase  
Stephen F. Harbinson  
Byron Hayes, Jr  
Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr

# Collette K. Andersen

For my exposure to knowing our Lord, I thank my grandparents, John and Bella Kamaunu. It was them who taught me about Hawaiian Bible and Prayer. They raised me until I was eight years old, when, sadly, my grandmother was taken by our Lord, and I needed to live with my birth mother.

My Mother was a Catholic, therefore i was exposed to being a Catholic. We went to Sunday mass, holy days, and religious education till I was twenty-one years of age. I recall at the age of eleven watching my siblings crying because of their pain, I prayed and asked our Lord, PLEASE I don't want to catch the disease called MUMPS. My prayers were answered, I never got the MUMPS.

Christen and I met in Norfolk, VA. Our relationship got better and wedding plans were suggested; but he being a Lutheran and I a Catholic we decided to join Presbyterian faith. We got married, and fully participated in the life of the church, in Illinois.

When it was time for me to return back home, Nankuli, in 1960, we were unable to fully participate with the Presbyterian community. While we were out driving through Wai'anae, we saw a white church resembling the church we were married in. We attended worship, and a couple of weeks later the visitation team met with us. Then we decided to join Waianae United Methodist Church. Christen and I agreed, "We will be loyal to The Methodist, and uphold it by our prayers, presence, gifts and service."

In 1980 our pastor and his wife nurtured me through children's Sunday School programs, worship, mission and through all work areas of the Church. Thank you to my family, pastors and lay members who saw and encouraged me to participate in all areas of my church.

# Deborah E. Bass

Deborah E. Bass is a committed faith leader and advocate, currently serving as Chairperson of National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc. (BMCR) and Chairperson of the Cal-Pac Conference Committee on Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century. She is also a seasoned trainer and facilitator for the Office of Community Developers of the General Board of Global Ministries.

A third-generation United Methodist, Ms. Bass returned to her hometown of Compton, California in 2015 after 30 years of service in New York City with the General Board of Global Ministries. During her tenure there, she held key leadership positions, including Associate General Secretary for Community and Institutional Ministries and Deputy General Secretary for Administration.

In 2008, she founded Bass Eldercare Resources, a mission-driven business helping seniors and their families navigate the complexities of aging and senior care. Certified in Gerontology Advocacy, she offered free educational seminars through churches and community-based organizations, with a focus on helping elders maintain independence and protect their assets.

Currently she is a member of the Leadership Team (One Board Governance) at Crossroads United Methodist Church in Compton, as well as serving as President of Dignity Compton Corporation, Inc., the Non-Profit of Crossroads United Methodist Church. The Non-Profit provides services for persons impacted by the Criminal Justice System, Family Reunification Programs with DCFS and Shields for Families, Homeless Ministries with HOPICS, and a Safe Space for LGBTQIA+ for Young Adults.

Ms. Bass continues to blend her passion for ministry, justice, and eldercare through both local and national leadership roles.

# Hilde Garrison

I was born in Leeuwarden, Friesland, The Netherlands on January 10, 1948 and was baptized in the Herformde Kerk in Leeuwarden. In 1957, parents, brother and I immigrated to South Eastern Ontario, Canada. We joined the United Church of Canada where I was confirmed at age 13. In high school besides the required subjects, I enjoyed my French and Latin classes.

In February 1965, my parents called a family conference and told my brother and me that they were starting the paperwork to move to California. In December 1965, we loaded up the car and left Canada and Dad and I drove the old Route 66 to California in four and a half days.

I was accepted into nursing school at California Lutheran Hospital in Los Angeles in September 1966. At that time my family joined El Monte United Methodist Church. In June 1967, I received a Golden Cross Scholarship and it was presented at Annual Conference in Redlands by Bishop Gerald Kennedy. In September 1967, I transferred to Pasadena City College and graduated in 1970 and passed State Boards for my RN license. I continued my education for my Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing at Cal State LA. I have worked in Intensive Care, Recovery Room and Cardiac Cath Lab at Huntington and Arcadia Methodist Hospitals.

In 1974, I got married to Robert Garrison in the chapel at Pasadena First UMC. My daughter Catherine was born in 1978 and my son Ron in 1981. Sadly, in 1982 the marriage ended in divorce. In February 1985, I started a new job as school nurse at El Monte City School District and went back to Cal State LA to get my Health Service Credential. During that time I also took Spanish classes. Today, I speak Dutch fluently and of course English. French has gone by the wayside since I don't use it.

My parents both passed away seven months apart, both from cancer. They were my support system after the divorce. In nursing school my favorite Bible verse was Philippians 4:13; "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." My faith and the strength of my parents faith has carried me through a lot and more in raising two small children and at the same time working and going back to school.

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Retirement became my future in 2013 and I was able to become more active at First United Methodist Church, Temple City. This allowed me the time to start taking Lay Servant classes and continue to do so. Today, I serve as Lay leader and have served as chair of SPRC and Mission and Outreach. Currently I serve as co-chair of Finance and a member of the Worship Team, Mission and Outreach and SPRC. My participation in Sunday worship with announcements, liturgy and singing in the choir brings me joy. This is my second year serving on the East District DCOM.

Participating in our weekly Life group Bible study on Zoom and leading our prayer group on Friday mornings on Zoom, has been a pleasure during Advent and Lent to arrange prayer partners. One of my favorite groups that I participate in is Faith Community Nurses in association with Arcadia USC (Methodist) Hospital. We meet quarterly at the hospital. In conjunction with this we take blood pressures on Sunday mornings monthly and give flu shots usually in October and assist members in answering questions or taking them to medical appointments if needed. We also have a service of Blessing of the Hands in which each nurse participates and of course our yearly retreat which is held in Temecula.

I have worked with many pastors and lay members during the past years. I am so blessed and thank God for all who have encouraged me spiritually to keep going and not to give up.

# Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins

Rev. Alma Johnson Hawkins, Pastor Alma, an Elder in Full Connection, has held clergy appointments at Hollypark United Methodist Church in Gardena, Altadena United Methodist Church, and Claremont School of Theology and is now the Lead Pastor at Scott United Methodist Church, Pasadena. Rev. Johnson-Hawkins is a lifelong learner with degrees from California State University Northridge, Point Loma Nazarene University, and Fuller Theological Seminary. She is an Intercultural Developmental Inventory-qualified practitioner, a certified Spiritual Director, consultant, coach, and mentor, dedicated to building intercultural competence among followers of Jesus Christ. Currently, she is studying worship through the arts and music. Pastor Alma's servant leadership style contributed to a successful career in higher education, holding senior administrative positions in the Los Angeles Community College District, including dean and college president. She also served as Executive Director of Clergy Laity United for Economic Justice.

Pastor Alma extends her ministry practice beyond the local congregation through engagement and leadership in interdenominational activities, such as the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greater Pasadena and the Clergy Community Coalition of Pasadena, as well as her longtime connection to the Channel Islands Walk to Emmaus spiritual renewal ministry.

Her ministry engagement beyond the local church includes service as a member of the Conference Connectional Ministry staff, consultant for women's groups, helping them develop and design retreats, and being a retreat facilitator. She is a consultant for the Family Comfort Zone, a community-based Family Life Ministry created to nurture and inspire hope for struggling families in the Pacoima-Lakeview Terrace-Sunland area. Pastor Alma served on the Board of Directors for Celebrate Life Cancer Ministry, a nonprofit organization advocating for holistic healthcare (combining physical care and spiritual formation) for cancer patients. She also served on the Los Angeles El Nido Family Services Board of Directors. She served as Spiritual Director/Chaplain at USC Arcadia Hospital (formerly Methodist Hospital) and various Medical Centers within the Providence Health and Services System. Pastor Alma has served as the Registrar for the North District Committee of Ordained Ministry (DCOM) and currently serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry. She has also volunteered as a consultant with the Executive Services Corps, providing senior-level leadership Consulting Services for 501 (c) (3) organizations.

Pastor Alma is a gifted spiritual leader known for her skills in administration, prophetic preaching, teaching, reconciliation, peacemaking, and compassionate pastoral care. Pastor Alma is married to Rev. Cavalain Hawkins, and they have one adult son, Adrión Paul. She enjoys spending her spare time in quiet, secluded places for reflection, prayer, and writing.

# Patty Tokahuta-Kelsey

Patty Tokahuta-Kelsey is currently the Director of Outreach and Congregational Nurture at First United Methodist Church of North Hollywood and has worked in that capacity since July 2011.

Patty was born in Culver City, California to Umaorn and Sunil Tokahuta, who immigrated from Bangkok, Thailand in 1969. Patty's parents were raised Buddhist, however, her father's side of the family met Presbyterian missionaries and many became Christians. Patty considers herself a California girl, although she lived in New York and Thailand for short periods of time. Her mother, Uma, signed her up for tap, jazz, gymnastics, piano, swimming, hula, and golf lessons beginning at the age of 3 but dance really stuck with her and her first job was teaching dance at 15 years old. Patty called Corona home from 1977 – 1999 and graduated from Corona High School where she was involved in ASB, yearbook, and Pep Squad. During her time in college at Loma Linda University, Patty became the choreographer, coach, and advisor for the Corona High School Pep Squad from 1989-1996. She graduated from Loma Linda University with a Bachelors of Science with a focus on Physical Education and Adaptive Education. She worked at Disneyland Resort in Parades, as a dancer, from 1996 – 2000 where she performed in The Hunchback of Notre Dame Festival of Fools, The Hunchback Calvalcade, and became an AGVA level performer in Animazement, the Musical. Patty loved to take part in Disney Special Events before auditioning to become a Tour Guide for the World Famous Universal Studios Hollywood Studio Tour in the Summer of 1999. Patty moved to Studio City and eventually met her husband, Norman, in the Summer of 2000 at Universal Studios, who was also a tour guide. She also became a media representative, guide trainer, and VIP Guide. A dream job she loved very much and is still incredibly grateful for God guiding her to Universal Studios and meeting Norman.

Patty eventually left the studio tour in Fall of 2001, transferring to Universal CityWalk Special Events and was in this role until 2006. After having some health issues, she left Universal and eventually, God called her toward her love of dogs, opening a Pet Sitting, Dog Walking, Canine Acupressure business called Zen Pup and had a wonderful time caring for dogs and pets in the Valley and Bel Air.

Patty and her husband believe that it was God's plan to bring them to NOHO FUMC and hearing the bells chime twice a day from the neighborhood church that was calling them over for many years. When looking to buy a Christmas Tree for their first Christmas at home as newlyweds in 2005, they walked over to the NOHO FUMC Christmas Tree Lot. They got the perfect Noble Christmas tree from some very sweet people.

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They went back the next two years at Christmas time, meeting the same friendly NOHO FUMC faces before being asked, "why don't you come to church?" and wondering to each other, "why don't we go to church?" The next day, December 2nd, 2007, Patty and Norman attended their first service at NOHO FUMC. They were in awe of the beautiful brick & mortar, stunning stained glass and then felt an immediate connection to Rev. Dr. Joey McDonald's message. The visit to coffee fellowship felt like visiting family at Thanksgiving. Patty and Norman never left NOHO FUMC after that day and know that their marriage is stronger because they put God first and committed themselves to make Jesus a priority.

Patty was baptized in and became a member of NOHO FUMC on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, just 3 Sundays after attending her first worship service and was immediately involved in the life of the church. She said yes to everything, including joining the missions team, becoming a lay speaker and lay servant, joining the finance committee, leading a book study, and teaching free tap classes at church.

Patty had been praying to find more work after leaving Universal – for months she would pray as she walked dogs in the neighborhood, not knowing that Pastor Joey and Deanne Cox were praying to find a replacement before Deanne retired. Prayers were answered for all when Patty was offered the position of Director of Program Ministries in the Spring of 2011. Shortly thereafter, her father, would become terminally ill and enter hospice care to which Patty called Pastor Joey McDonald to say she should not take the position because she wouldn't want to disappoint the church community. Pastor Joey gently said, "Take your time, the job is here for you when you are ready." It was that grace filled moment, one that Patty cherishes.

God has been so good and the good people of NOHO have become an extended family, who have carried her and her family through many of life's celebrations and trials that would follow, including her Norman's health scare in 2013 and eventually Patty's own health challenges, including surviving stage 2 breast cancer. The community of NOHO FUMC brought the truest of friends who she feels are her dearest family and angels on earth.

God led Patty to NOHO FUMC and changed her life for the better by giving her a supportive community and a vocation where she utilizes all the gifts that God gave her for event planning, performance, public speaking, and teaching. Patty loves everything about her role at NOHO FUMC which has grown into outreach and congregational nurture.

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She enjoys preparing for every season of worship and seeing guests and members become more connected to God and the community. Patty loves bringing community events to life that celebrate diversity and is proud of Heritage Pop-Up events throughout the year, like our AANHPI Heritage month and Taste of Asia, Hispanic Heritage, and Polynesian Summer Luau. High Holy Season is a favorite season and she especially enjoys Holy Week and Easter time where she creates Holy Week in a Box. Patty loves listening to what God calls her heart to create and strive for each year.

Patty has had a deep desire to help those in need and as the co-chair of the NOHO FUMC missions team which she named, "Love Thy Neighbor, she is grateful to be able to lend a hand up and give support to the homeless and those who are marginalized like our day laborers. This missions team has made it possible to execute amazing service projects that serve the local and immediate community. Working alongside her co-chair, Jonathan Laciste, the mission team grew exponentially in 2024. The Love Thy Neighbor Team made a goal to touch 10,000 lives in 2025 and are committed to reaching this goal. The team has worked with The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry, Hope the Mission Tiny Home Villages, Casa de Vida emergency family shelter, The Landing (TAY) Transitional Aged Young Adults home, the Van Nuys Job Center, and the Hoving Home (an all-women re-entry program). This missions team has made it possible to execute an amazing service project that serves the local and immediate community. During the Eaton and Pacific Palisades fires, Love Thy Neighbor supported the Fire Fighters at the Los Angeles Gateway District Office of the Angeles National Forest and their Tujunga Hot Shots, bringing them much needed snacks and hydration while they fought the wildfires. Currently, Love Thy Neighbor has touched approximately 3,500 lives in 2025 and will strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus with joy.

Patty is also the North District Co-Lay Leader, along with her husband of 21 years, Norman Kelsey. They began their service in that role in July 2024. Patty has also been on the North District Committee on Ministry since 2020 and now serves on District Planning & Strategy, North District Union, Laity Council, CNC, and 213 Committee. She loves the Lord, dogs, elephants, afternoon tea and is a certified tea sommelier, and still performs Polynesian dance. Patty is humbled and honored to be a recipient of this prestigious award.

# Rev. Richard T. Matsushita

Rev. Richard T. Matsushita retired in 2003 after serving 39 years in active ministry in The United Methodist Church. During his ministry, he served Lihue United Church, Wahiawa, Aiea, Trinity United Methodist Churches, and also served as an interim pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church.

He was the Senior Pastor when Lihue Union Church and East Kauai United Methodist Church merged into one church in 1969, which was then called Lihue United Church. The membership of Lihue Union consisted primarily of plantation owners and managers, while East Kauai was largely made up of Filipino laborers.

The socio-economic make up was diverse; yet to the credit of the members of both congregations was courageous. The church now alternates senior pastors: one appointment is a United Methodist minister, followed by a United Church of Christ minister. This practice continues to this day.

Richard grew up in a plantation village of Sprecksville, Maui. He graduated from Lahainaluna High School, graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and graduated from the Claremont School of Theology in California and earned a Doctor of Religion (Rel.D.) in 1967.

Because of his love for hiking and camping, Richard served as the Director of Outdoor Ministries for the Hawai'i District for 30 years. He led Service Camps to Haleakalā National Park for 35 years and received a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Park Service in recognition of his work.

His admiration for Hawaiian culture inspired him to understand the meaning of Hawaiian chants performed at the opening of important events. He even performed these chants in Hawaiian for various District events.

In retirement, Richard returned to his love of drawing and painting endemic birds of Hawai'i. He turned his drawings into postcards, which are sold annually at the Harris United Methodist Church Bazaar. All the proceeds are given to support missions around the world.

Currently, he is active in the soup ministry at Harris United Methodist Church's soup ministry. This ministry prepares meals every Monday morning at 6:00 a.m. year-round to over 200 clients for the Institute for Human Services each day.

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Paintings by  
Rev. Richard T. Matsushita



# Deborah & Kent Raysin

Deborah “Debby” and Kent Raysin grew up in Flint, MI and met as little kids while singing in the Children’s Choir, where Kent unmercifully teased Debby, at Asbury UMC. Bible School, Day Camps, Youth Group, Confirmation, Canoe Trips, friendships, graduation, and college were the agenda. Writing letters, making phone calls, dating on college breaks. Marrying Senior year of college, graduation, moving from Marquette, MI to Pensacola, FL for Officer Candidate School, and flight school, a 20-year Naval career begins. While in college Kent played the piano for the Children’s Choir at Grace UMC and taught swimming lessons on campus to special needs children. Debby volunteered at the elementary school in a 6th grade class with the Pastor’s wife and with a college class at a children’s care facility.

Wherever Debby and Kent lived they found a church to attend and the community became their home and family. In 1977 they arrived in San Diego, CA with their 3-year-old son, Shawn, who was soon to be a “big brother” to his little sister, Stacy. Then in 1978 they joined Nestor UMC and took on the duties of Youth Group Leaders and Sunday School Teachers. Eventually Debby became the Education Director and Kent became Finance Chair, Lay Leader and Coordinator for Nestor UMC’s Interfaith Shelter Network support, with Debby assisting.

Since 1995, Debby has worked at the Good Neighbor Center, an emergency food program. She is currently the Director of the GNC Program, which consists of two food pantries. The GNC program comes under the umbrella of Christ United Methodist Ministry Center. One pantry is located at the Ministry Center and the second pantry is located at Nestor UMC. This program has been serving the community of San Diego since 1967 as a practical way of serving at levels of our society where immediate assistance and attention are desperately needed. Our GNC volunteers are former clients, students with the TRACE Program from the San Diego Unified School District, various churches, and youth programs. They greet those coming for assistance with understanding, compassion, and kindness.

The GNC partners with San Diego Food Bank, United Methodist churches that donate weekly, local schools and community organizations. Our programming also includes a Fall Socks and Underwear Drive for children, Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach, Souper-Bowl Sunday, maintains the Storefront Youth Shelter dinner calendar for the San Diego Youth Services, and offers Community Service opportunities. The GNC continues to provide services to Safe Harbors Network at the Ministry Center where Kent assisted in locating and placing asylum seekers in homes during its initial development years.

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Kent has been a very supportive partner. Before he retired from his civilian job, when available, he would always come and assist with fund raisers, holiday programs, and GNC repairs. He designed the layout for the building of the pantry at the Ministry Center in 2016 when the pantry moved from Chollas View UMC. After retiring, he helped with the layout of the food pantry at Nestor UMC when the GNC had to move across campus in 2024 to the new Nestor Senior Village. Utilizing his computer skills, Kent is Debby's office assistant. He helps with set up and directs traffic for both centers during weekly food distributions and the holiday distributions. He also assists with the Federal food deliveries from the San Diego Food Bank.

We both have been so blessed by this opportunity to be in service to our community and will always be forever grateful.

# Doris Shigihara

Doris was born in 1933 in Lower Paia, Maui, to Shigeo and Kirie Yamada. Her family owned and operated a small shop where they made and sold miso and shoyu. Doris was one of five siblings: Mamoru, the eldest; Kiyoko, who sadly passed away at a young age from pneumonia; Taeko; Doris herself; and the youngest, Yeiko. When Doris was very young, her brother Mamoru was sent to Japan as a teenager to care for their grandfather. He would not return to Hawai'i until after World War II. Just before Doris entered seventh grade, the family moved to Honolulu, where her father purchased another miso shop.

Doris enrolled at Central Intermediate School, where she was placed in Core M and made many new friends. It was through these friends that she began attending Harris Memorial Methodist Church. There, she worshiped, joined the youth group, taught Sunday School, and found her lifelong church home. During high school, Doris met her future husband, Walt Shigihara, at a Methodist summer camp. She was also a competitive swimmer and earned a scholarship to the University of Hawai'i, where she graduated with her teaching credentials.

After college, Doris and Walt married and moved to the mainland. Walt completed his degree in architecture at the University of Illinois, and they eventually settled in Torrance, California. They have two children: their son, Wally, and daughter, Patty. Walt worked for the City of Los Angeles as an architect, and Doris taught primary grades in the Lawndale School District for 33 years.

In 1960, Doris and Walt began attending Gardena First United Methodist Church. Doris served faithfully in many leadership roles, including Treasurer, Lay Leader, Trustee, and as a member of the Harbor Gateway Board. She also led the Toberman Food Outreach Program. By the early 2000s, Gardena First faced challenges: a shrinking, aging congregation and rising neighborhood safety concerns due to increased gang activity. In 2005, the church merged with Faith United Methodist Church, and Doris played a key role in helping guide that transition. Doris also served the wider church through the Long Beach District. She was a member of the District Leadership Team, Chair of the Planning and Strategy Committee, part of the Zaffaria Shalom Zone, and served as the District Lay Leader. In recognition of her service, Doris received the Bishop Gerald Kennedy Award for Lay Leader of the Year in 2001. Today, Doris continues to attend Faith United Methodist Church, where she enjoys Bible study and fellowship with her church family. At home, she finds joy in caring for her beloved dog Chubbzee and tending to her trees and flowers.

## From Faith UMC:

“It is our great joy to honor our Doris Shigihara, of Faith United Methodist Church, Torrance, a lifelong servant leader whose faith, dedication, and quiet strength have left a lasting legacy in the church and community.”

