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INTRODUCTION to the 41st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference

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Grace to you on this day the Lord has so graciously made.

As we gather to prepare for Annual Conference, we want you to know that we have been working hard to make this event an experience that draws us together as a body of Christ. While we serve in different settings, we are connected by our love of Christ and by our common work as The California-Pacific Conference. Two years ago, we determined to nourish our souls with rhythms of rest and work by taking weekly days off, and by attending to our Sabbaths, vacations, and extended rest periods. Last year we focused on flourish by finding ways to be fruitful and attending to our vision of Ending Spiritual and Physical Hunger, through planting gardens or trees as we tend to the souls in our communities. I pray you come to this Annual Conference having attended to the nourishment and the flourishing in your life and in the life of your church.

This year we will center our time together around the theme, Cherish. I hope you can leave this Annual Conference feeling loved, and determined to cherish God, God's people, yourself, and God's creation. It is because of God's love that we were formed, and bathed in love we develop and grow, and it is by love that others find an invitation to find the way of Christ. Jesus led the way of love by telling us this:

I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.
John 13:34-35

May our thoughts begin to turn to the depth of love that forms, fills, and finds us in this very moment in time.

I look forward to being with you. And as always, I am praying for you.

Grace y paz,

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank

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(1) BOOK & PODCAST RECOMMENDATIONS

Here is a list of podcasts and books I recommend this year to help you focus on cherishing:



Perspectives Pastors Podcast

<https://www.fumcsd.org/media-events/digital-library/podcasts-bible-study/>



Igniting Imagination

https://linktr.ee/igniting_imagination



Faith Talks – A UWF Podcast

<https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts/>

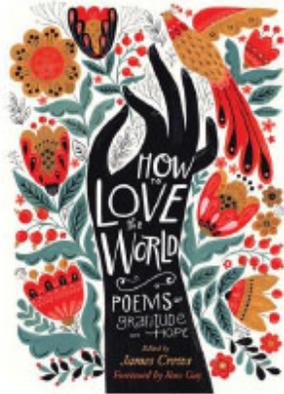


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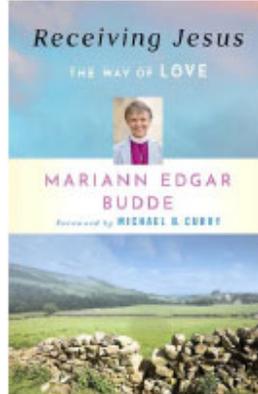
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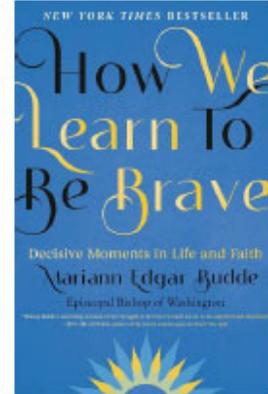
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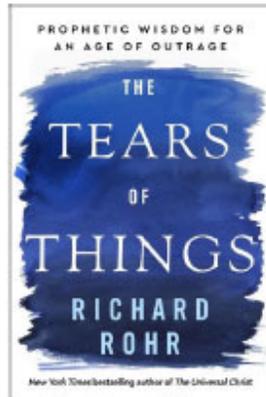
*How to Love the World:
Poems of Gratitude and Hope*
Edited by James Crews



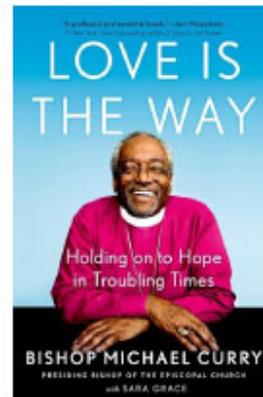
*Receiving Jesus:
The Way of Love*
Mariann Edgar Budde



*How We Learn to be Brave:
Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*
Mariann Edgar Budde



*The Tears of Things:
Prophetic Wisdom for
an Age of Outrage*
Richard Rohr



*Love is the Way:
Holding on to Hope
in Troubling Times*
Bishop Michael Curry

(2) HISTORICAL STATEMENT

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Established 1985

SESSION AND BOUNDARIES

This is the forty-first Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference, created out of the Pacific and Southwest Annual Conference. This session marks the 58th conference session since the creation of The United Methodist Church from the union of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1968; the 87th Session since the merger of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Protestant Methodist Church in 1939; the 150th Session since the organization of the Southern California Conference in 1876; and the 175th Session since the organization of the Pacific Conference in 1851, the oldest of the merging Annual Conferences.

The boundaries of the California-Pacific Annual Conference: Counties of Imperial, Inyo, in Kern only that portion described as the Antelope Valley to the base of the Tehachapi Mountains and that portion extending easterly from the

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Sierra Nevada Mountains, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara (excluding the town of New Cuyama), Ventura, and excluding the cities bordering the Colorado River, namely, Blythe, Needles, and Fort Yuma. The entire State of Hawaii, the Territory of Guam, and other territory of the United States in the Pacific region.

(From the Western Jurisdiction Conference Journal proceedings of the Western Jurisdiction Conference 2012. Numerical totals have been adjusted to current year.)

(3) OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS & CLASES

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2025-2026 Cabinet



Pictured from left to right: *Rev. Garth Gilliam; Rev. Moonyoung Lee, Rev. Allison Paige Eaves, Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank; Rev. Luis Garcia; Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi, Erin Hawkins, Rev. Dr. Thomas Choi*

Ordination Recognized and Elected into Full Membership in the Order of Elders



Pictured from left to right: *Rev. Kil Joon (Sam) Park, Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank*

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Ordained and Elected into Full Membership in the Order of Elders



Pictured from left to right: *Rev. Joshua Edward Zulueta, Rev. Hyun Seob (Ralph) Kwon, Rev. Mary Ann Pickard, Rev. Katherine Ann Hunter, Rev. Ki Hyun Cho, Rev. Matthew Ray Hambrick, Rev. Dong Hee (Donnie) Bae, Rev. Dr. Jonggoo Lee, Rev. VJ Cruz-Báez*

Commissioned and Elected into Provisional Membership in the Order of Elders or Order of Deacons



Pictured from left to right: *Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank, Rev. Royce Vincent Porter Sr. (elder), Rev. Mark Amos Maddix (elder), Rev. Moon Young Kong (elder), Rev. Maria Perez Longley (deacon), Rev. Manuel Joshua (Josh) Lopez-Reyes (elder), Rev. Bradley Charles Biggerstaff (elder)*

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2025 Retirees



Pictured from left to right: *Rev. Kyung Hwan Oh, Rev. Wesley Elmore, Rev. Seung-il Whang, Rev. William Johnson, Rev. Valerie Weise, Rev. Tonya Harris, Pastor Ching Hua (Tom) Tseng, Jan Hanson*

Retirees Not pictured: *Rev. Mary Birgelaitis, Rev. Kathryn Cooper-Ledesma, Rev. Hoyong Kim, Rev. Cheol Hwan Kwak, Rev. Kyung Hwan Oh, Rev. Dr. Alan Padgett, Rev. Kana Shimasaki*

(4) List of Churches Alphabetically

This list includes chartered churches, missions, satellite congregations and start-ups. Church names are listed by district, then church name.

MINISTRY NAME	DISTRICT	MINISTRY NAME	DISTRICT
Alhambra First UMC	East	Grace UMC of Riverside	East
Baldwin Park UMC	East	Hesperia UMC	East
Banning UMC	East	Highgrove UMC	East
Bell Memorial UMC	East	La Habra UMC	East
Brea UMC	East	La Mirada UMC	East
Chino UMC	East	La Puente First UMC	East
Church of The Foothills	East	La Verne UMC	East
Church of The Good Shepherd	East	Mission Community UMC	East
Claremont UMC	East	Monrovia UMC	East
Colton UMC	East	Montclair First UMC	East
Community UMC of Wrightwood	East	Montebello UMC	East
Cornerstone UMC	East	Moreno Valley UMC	East
Corona UMC	East	New Beginnings UMC	East
Covina UMC	East	Ontario First UMC	East
East Whittier UMC	East	Palm Springs UMC	East
Evangelical UMC	East	Placentia UMC	East
Faith UMC of San Gabriel Valley	East	Pomona Valley Chinese UMC	East
First Filipino-American UMC of the San Gabriel Valley	East	Redlands First UMC	East
First Tongan of Pomona Valley	East	Rialto UMC	East
First UMC of Riverside	East	Sage Granada Park UMC	East
First UMC of Upland	East	San Dimas UMC	East
Fullerton First UMC	East	San Gabriel First UMC (closed 6/30/2025)	East
Glendora UMC	East	Shepherd of the Hills UMC of Monterey Park	East

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Shepherd of the Valley UMC	East	Bishop First UMC	North
Sierra Madre UMC	East	Burbank First UMC	North
St Matthew's UMC of Hacienda Heights	East	Camarillo Korean UMC	North
Temple City First UMC	East	Camarillo UMC	North
Trinity UMC of Pomona	East	Chatsworth West UMC	North
Twentynine Palms UMC	East	Christ Our Savior UMC	North
UMC of Cucamonga	East	Community UMC of Inyokern	North
University UMC of Redlands	East	Community UMC of Pearlblossom	North
Victorville UMC	East	Crescenta Valley UMC	North
Walnut UMC	East	El Buen Pastor UMC	North
Wesley UMC of Riverside	East	Estero Bay UMC	North
West Covina UMC	East	First German UMC	North
Whittier First UMC	East	First UMC of Arroyo Grande	North
Yorba Linda UMC	East	First UMC of Canoga Park	North
Yucaipa UMC	East	First UMC of Lompoc	North
Yucca Valley UMC	East	First UMC of North Hollywood	North
		First UMC of Pasadena	North
Aiea Korean UMC	Hawaii	First UMC of Paso Robles	North
Aiea UMC	Hawaii	First UMC of Reseda	North
Ala Lani UMC	Hawaii	First UMC of San Fernando	North
Aldersgate UMC Hawaii	Hawaii	First UMC of Ventura	North
Bethany UMC	Hawaii	Friendly Valley Community UMC	North
Calvary UM Mission	Hawaii	Glendale First UMC	North
Christ UMC of Honolulu	Hawaii	Grace Korean UMC	North
Ewa Beach UMC	Hawaii	Hindi-Urdu UM Mission	North
First Tongan UMC of Hawaii	Hawaii	Holliston UMC	North
First UMC of Honolulu	Hawaii	Immanuel UMC of Los Angeles	North
Guam UMC	Hawaii	Knollwood UMC	North
Harris UMC	Hawaii	Korean UMC of Oxnard	North
Hilo UMC	Hawaii	La Canada UMC	North
Honoka'a UMC	Hawaii	Lancaster UMC	North
Honolua UMC	Hawaii	Magnolia Park UMC	North
Kahalu'u UMC	Hawaii	Malibu UMC	North
Kahuku UMC	Hawaii	Moorpark UMC	North
Kailua UMC	Hawaii	North Hills Hispanic Mission	North
Kam-Nam UMC	Hawaii	North Oxnard UMC	North
Keolumana UMC	Hawaii	Northridge UMC	North
Kilohana UMC	Hawaii	Ojai UMC	North
Kona UMC	Hawaii	Pacoima First UMC	North
Lahaina UMC	Hawaii	Palmdale First UMC	North
Lihue United Church	Hawaii	Pioneer Memorial UMC	North
Na'alehu UMC	Hawaii	ReNew UMC	North
Olive UMC	Hawaii	Ridgecrest UMC	North
Parker UMC	Hawaii	Saint Andrew UMC	North
Trinity UMC of Pearl City	Hawaii	San Luis Obispo UMC	North
Wahiawa UMC	Hawaii	Santa Barbara First UMC	North
Waianae UMC	Hawaii	Santa Clarita Korean Mission	North
Wesley UMC of Hawaii	Hawaii	Santa Clarita UMC	North
West Kauai UMC	Hawaii	Santa Maria First UMC	North
		Scott UMC	North
Altadena UMC	North	Sherman Oaks UMC	North
Atascadero UMC	North	Simi Valley UMC	North
Bardsdale UMC	North	St Matthew's UMC of Newbury Park	North
Bethel Korean Mission Church	North	St Paul's UMC of Oxnard	North
Big Pine Community UMC	North	St Paul's UMC of Tarzana	North

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MINISTRY NAME	DISTRICT
Thousand Oaks UMC	North
Trinity UMC of Los Osos	North
Tujunga UMC	North
University UMC of Isla Vista	North
Valencia UMC	North
Valley Korean UMC	North
Van Nuys UMC	North
Westlake Village UMC	North
Woodland Hills UMC	North
Aldersgate UMC of Tustin	South
Brawley First UMC	South
Calexico UM Mission	South
Chapel of The Hills UMC	South
Chapel of The Valley	South
Chollas View UMC	South
Christ Church By The Sea	South
Clairemont Christian Fellowship	South
Community UMC of Borrego Springs	South
Community UMC of Huntington Beach	South
Community UMC of Julian	South
Costa Mesa First UMC	South
El Getsemani UMC	South
Exodus UMC	South
Fallbrook UMC	South
First UMC of Chula Vista	South
First UMC of El Centro	South
First UMC of Escondido	South
First UMC of National City	South
First UMC of Orange	South
First UMC of San Diego	South
Foothills UMC	South
Fountain Valley First UMC (The Fount)	South
Garden Grove Korean Mission (closed 6/30/2025)	South
Garden Grove UMC	South
Good Shepherd Ministry Center (of Foothills UMC)	South
Good Shepherd UMC of Westminster	South
Hemet UMC	South
Hope UMC of San Diego	South
Imperial Beach Mission Congregation	South
Jacumba UMC	South
Korean UMC of San Diego	South
La Jolla UMC	South
La Mesa First UMC	South
Laguna Beach UMC	South
Laguna Country UMC	South
Laguna Hills Korean UMC	South
Leisure World Community UMC	South
Lemon Grove UMC	South
Linda Vista UMC	South
Mesa Verde UMC	South
Mission Hills UMC	South
Murrieta UMC	South
Nestor UMC	South
Newport Center UMC	South

MINISTRY NAME	DISTRICT
Normal Heights UMC	South
North Coast UMC	South
Pacific Beach UMC	South
Palisades UMC	South
Park Hill UMC	South
Ramona UMC	South
Samoan Mission Congregation of Normal Heights	South
San Carlos UMC	South
San Dieguito UMC	South
San Jacinto UMC	South
San Luis Rey Valley UMC	South
San Marcos UMC	South
Santa Ana UMC	South
Santee UMC	South
Shepherd of the Hills UMC	South
St Andrew's By The Sea	South
St Mark's UMC of San Diego	South
St Paul's UMC of Coronado	South
St Paul's UMC of San Diego	South
Sun City UMC	South
Temecula UMC	South
Trinity UMC of San Diego	South
University UMC of Irvine	South
Vista UMC	South
Water's Edge Faith Community	South
Artesia-Cerritos UMC	West
Bellflower First UMC	West
Belmont Heights UMC	West
California Heights UMC	West
Cambodian-American UM Ministry	West
Centenary UMC	West
Chinese UMC	West
Community UMC of Pacific Palisades	West
Compton First UMC	West
Crenshaw UMC	West
Crossroads UMC	West
Culver Palms UMC	West
Dominguez UMC	West
Downey UMC	West
Echo Park UMC	West
El Segundo UMC	West
Faith UMC of Los Angeles	West
Faith UMC of Torrance	West
Fetu Ao Samoan UMC	West
Grace River Korean UMC	West
Grace UMC of Long Beach	West
Grace UMC of Los Angeles	West
Hamilton UMC	West
Hawthorne UMC	West
Heritage UMC	West
Hollypark UMC	West
Hollywood UMC	West
Holman UMC	West
Hope UMC of Torrance	West

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MINISTRY NAME	DISTRICT
House Church Network	West
Huntington Park First UMC	West
Inglewood First UMC	West
Kardia UMC	West
Korean Central UMC	West
Kum Ran UMC	West
La Palma Korean UMC	West
La Palma UMC	West
La Plaza UMC	West
La Trinidad UMC	West
Lakewood First UMC	West
Lennox Tongan UMC	West
Los Altos UMC	West
Los Angeles First UMC	West
Los Angeles Gospel UM Mission	West
Los Angeles Korean UMC	West
Los Feliz UMC	West
Lynwood UMC	West
Maywood UMC	West
Native American Fellowship	West
Native American UMC of Southern California	West
Norwalk UMC	West
Orangethorpe UMC	West
Redondo Beach First UMC	West
Riviera UMC	West
Rolling Hills UMC	West
Saint Mark UMC of Los Angeles	West
San Pedro UMC	West
Santa Monica First UMC	West
Seal Beach First UMC	West
Silverado Samoan UMC	West
St John's UMC	West
St Paul's UMC of Redondo Beach	West
The Church In Ocean Park UMC	West
Torrance First UMC	West
Trinity UMC of Lakewood	West
United UMC of Anaheim	West
United University Church	West
United With Hope UMC - Amanaki-Ketau Fakataha	West
Venice UMC	West
Walteria UMC	West
Wayside UMC	West
West Anaheim UMC	West
West Los Angeles UMC	West
Westchester UMC	West
Westwood UMC	West
Wilmington First UMC	West
Wilshire UMC	West
Young Hwa UMC	West
Zion Korean UMC	West