

REGISTRATION GUIDE

42nd Annual Session of the
California-Pacific Conference
June 17-20, 2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

The Sessions Task Force invites all participants to attend special meals at very reduced prices this year, which are being sponsored by our partners.



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There will be **LEGISLATIVE SECTIONS** with voting & a **PRE-CONFERENCE BRIEFING** via Zoom on Monday, June 8. Voting members can RSVP during registration.

CONFERENCE CHECK-IN & INFORMATION DESK in the Flores Ballroom Pre-Function area
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Saturday:
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The Sessions Task Force is continuing its use of MeetingPulse this year. Your invitations to District Conferences, Pre-Conference Briefing & Legislative Sections, and Annual Conference will all come from MeetingPulse again.

REGISTER AT www.calpacumc.org/ac2026

OVERVIEW OF THE SESSION
With the theme “Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Astonish!” the 42nd Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference will be held June 17-20, 2026, at the La Quinta Club & Resort. The hotel is located at 49-499 Eisenhower Dr, La Quinta California. Visit the link above to get to the hotel reservation page.
Active clergypersons are required to attend in-person unless they have completed a request for excusal, and have been excused by the Bishop and their District Superintendent. Voting Lay Members may choose to attend via the online option if approved to do so by their local church. Retired Clergy Members may also attend via the online option at their choosing.
The Annual Conference will offer a selection of Special Events to share in celebration and community together, a childcare option, and use digital voting. A Pre-Conference Briefing and legislative sections will be held on Monday, June 8.

CONTACTS
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Rev. Bob Rhodes
secretary@calpacumc.org

ARE YOU READY? RESOURCES

- Annual Conference web page is www.calpacumc.org/ac2026
~ Children’s Registration Form
~ Clergy Excusal Request form
~ Exhibit Applications
~ Hotel Information & Reservation Link
~ Lay Equalization Report
~ Legislation & Legislation Tracking Sheet (expected in early June)
~ Livestream Link for guests (online voters will have access via our MeetingPulse application)
~ Participant Guide (expected in early June)
~ Payment Link (also www.calpacumc.org/payment)
~ Preliminary Report with Detailed Agenda (expected in May)
~ Registration form with Special Event ticket sales
~ Schedule Overview
~ Submission forms for organizations & presenters
~ Youth Liability Release Form
- Conference Secretary web page at www.calpacumc.org/secretary
~ Journal 2025
- Voting Materials & Device (Clergy Members & Lay Members)
~ Smart device (phone or tablet) with browser window enabled for wi-fi or data streaming
~ MeetingPulse invitation with access code
- Book of Discipline 2020/2024
~ This book is optional, borrow from your church if you can.

WHO SHOULD REGISTER
Non-members visiting the Annual Conference Session are welcome to attend worship services without registering, per the published schedule.

- All voting Clergy Members and Lay Members, whether attending in-person or online. This includes alternate Lay Members serving in place of the original Lay Member.
- All Observers with voice but no vote. This includes retired local pastors, conference staff, event staff, observers designated by emerging congregations (missions), and district youth & young adult alternates.
- Non-Members attending plenary sessions, including Alternate Lay Members attending when the Lay Member is also present. Other non-members purchasing special event tickets, and other badged guests (including exhibitors and clergy spouses) should also register.
- All United Methodists attending a district conference should register, no matter your voting status in the Annual Conference

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- ~ **THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026**
 - Last Day to register for the District Conferences. District Conference registration is part of Annual Conference Registration.
- ~ **FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026**
 - If registered for District Conference, look for email with Zoom info & voting credential by end of day.
- ~ **SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM California: South District Conference & North District Conference.
 - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM California: West District Conference & East District Conference.
 - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Hawaii | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM California: Hawaii District Conference | Sunday, May 11, 2026, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Guam
- ~ **TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026**
 - **Last day for voters to register without a late fee of \$100.**
 - **Last day to reserve a hotel room at the guaranteed discounted rate (if block is not full).**
 - Last day that special meals are guaranteed. After this date, they are subject to availability.
- ~ **MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026**
 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM California, or 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Hawaii: Pre-Conference briefing, followed by Legislative Sections
- ~ **FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026**
 - Last day to pre-register online for Annual Conference. After this, registration is only available on-site for in-person, or via email for online participants.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SCHEDULE.

For more information, refer to the Schedule Overview at www.calpacumc.org/ac2026. All meals are buffet-style this year.

- ~ **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026**
 - 11:30 AM: E1 Clergy Orders Luncheon in the Fiesta Ballroom (\$35)
 - 1:30 PM: Opening Worship & Plenary in the Flores Ballroom
 - 5:15 PM: E2 Celebration of Ministry Dinner in the Fiesta Ballroom (\$40)
 - 7:00 PM: Clergy Executive Session (Flores Ballroom) & Laity Session (Fiesta Ballroom)
- ~ **THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026**
 - 12:15 PM: E3 Laity Luncheon in the Fiesta Ballroom (\$35)
 - 12:15 PM: E4 Deacon’s Luncheon in the Fiesta Ballroom (\$35)
 - 1:00 PM: E5 CST Alum Coffee & Conversation in the Las Brisas Room 1&2 (\$10)
 - 5:15 PM: E6 JCEMT Missions Dinner in the Fiesta Ballroom (\$40)
- ~ **FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026**
 - 12:15 PM: E7 United Women in Faith Luncheon in the Fiesta Ballroom (\$35)
 - 5:15 PM: E8 UM Connections Dinner in the Fiesta Ballroom (\$40)
 - 6:30 PM: Friday night plenary (change from recent years)
- ~ **SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026**
 - 7:00 AM: E9 – E13 All District Breakfasts in the Fiesta Ballroom (\$30)
 - 9:00 AM: Commissioning and Ordination in the Flores Ballroom
 - 11:00 AM (approximate): Adjournment

**We are very thankful to our sponsors for making these prices possible through their generous gifts.
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US... AND SAY THANK YOU.**

CONTRIBUTE TO THE SESSION

The Sessions Task Force requests a \$100 voluntary contribution per Member.

All gifts are welcome. Voluntary Contributions reduce the need for apportionment dollars to pay Session expenses. Your contribution helps offset expenses for childcare, provides scholarships for district youth and young adult lay members, supports growing technology needs, and helps offset expenses for volunteers giving their time and skills to the Session.

CHILDREN & CHILDCARE

Nursing mothers and their infants are welcome at all conference events.

Risa Vargas returns as our Childcare Coordinator.

The Sessions Task Force is excited to continue offering a childcare option for Members with children. Go to www.calpacumc.org/ac2026 for more information, to register, sign paperwork, and pay in advance.

Selected Guidelines

~ **Reservations must be made in advance so there are enough meals, supplies, and staff.** Space is limited. Reserve early if childcare is a critical part of your on-site attendance.

~ The upper age for this service is determined by the parent. Children enrolled in childcare will not be participating in young people activities.

~ The Sessions Task Force will partially subsidize the cost of childcare & meals this year. Parents will be asked to contribute up to \$140 per child.

~ Childcare will be offered Wednesday through Saturday at adjournment.

~ Parents will need to provide necessities for children, including portable cribs, diapers, and any special food requirements. The registration form will allow parents to select the available children’s meals or to bring food.

~ **Child-friendly lunches & snacks will be served for those children with advance reservations in a hospitality suite supervised by childcare staff, and not at catered special events. If you have dietary concerns, please plan to provide your child’s meals. Care and meals are not provided during breakfast and dinner.**

The Sessions Task Force invites you to join us for special events during the Annual Session. You can buy tickets to these events through the registration process. The special meals are listed above. We share meals to build community, celebrate each other, and learn about our common mission and ministry work. In 2026, these meals are heavily discounted due to the generosity of sponsors. You’ll see their names, logos, and other information from them throughout the Session. Please let you know you appreciate their contribution to our Annual Conference experience!

For mealtimes in which you don’t have a special event meal ticket, there are many accessible restaurants nearby (see the next page).

TERMS & CONDITIONS

~ **LATE REGISTRATIONS:** Active Clergy Members or Lay Members registering after **Tuesday, May 26, 2026** are expected to pay a \$100 late registration fee.

1. Active Clergy Members who need to attend online or be absent must complete the Clergy Excusal Request form by Tuesday, May 26, 2026 (except for emergencies).
2. Retired Clergy Members registering after Tuesday, May 26, 2026 will have the late fee removed/waived when the registration is reviewed and certified. Retired Clergy Members are welcome to register for Annual Conference as online participants if they choose.
4. Lay Members may choose to attend in-person or via the online option if approved to do so by their local church.
5. Special meals may not be available to those registering after Tuesday, May 26, 2026, because of catering and sponsorship commitments.

~ **CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations or changes to registration within two weeks of the event are considered non-refundable. Exceptions (and refunds) may be approved upon written request but are issued only with the approval of an Executive Director. Refunds within two weeks (after Tuesday, June 2) may be denied for any reason.

~ **MEDIA RELEASE:** The participant understands that all participants in this event may be quoted, photographed, or recorded. This footage may appear in publications, news releases, websites, broadcasts, and any other media format available currently and in the future, without expectation of compensation or notification to the participant. The Annual Conference is livestreamed and recorded, including portions of the in-person audience.

REGISTRATION BEST PRACTICES

Before registering, we recommend

- ~ **Make a Plan.** Consult the Schedule Overview. Make a list of choices before you register (see the last page of this Guide for a worksheet).
- ~ **Use the Save & Resume** option if needed. If you find a question on the form you can't answer, save the form and send yourself the Resume link by email, so that you don't have to start over.
- ~ **Email the Registrar with questions.** We are happy to help. Be sure to include a phone number where we can return your call. Contact the Registrar as listed on page 1.
- ~ Add the following addresses to your whitelist or set up a mail rule to send email from these addresses to your inbox: cpco@calpacumc.org, jgaylor@calpacumc.org, dataservices@calpacumc.org.



HOTEL & PARKING INFORMATION

The Conference hotel is the **LA QUINTA RESORT & CLUB**
49-499 EISENHOWER DR,
LA QUINTA CA 92253.

Book online using the link on the conference web page at www.calpacumc.org/ac2026 or call the hotel at 760-564-4111 and identify yourself as a part of the group "Cal-Pac UMC."

A credit card is required to guarantee your room at time of booking, and a credit card must be presented at check-in for incidentals.

The discounted booking rate (via the link on the webpage above) will be \$158 plus fees & taxes. Self-parking is available at the hotel as part of the \$5/day discounted resort fee, as a negotiated benefit for Conference participants. If you need special assistance or ADA accommodations, we recommend calling them instead of reserving online.

SPECIAL OFFERING – Immigration Crisis Fund

This Special Offering is grounded in the urgent need for the church to continue to provide an active witness to Christ's mandate to love. The call to faithful resistance is part of the church's discipleship in a time of social and political tension. The offering will help the annual conference in our efforts to accompany migrants, advocating, and responding to the needs of the most vulnerable.

SPECIAL OFFERING – Young Gen Ministries

Young people's ministries are an investment in both the present & future of the church by creating spaces where youth can explore faith, ask honest questions, and discover their identity and purpose. This special offering helps ensure that every young person is welcomed, supported, and equipped with mentors, experiences, and resources that shape a lifelong, justice-centered faith.

HOW TO GIVE TO THE OFFERING

To contribute to the Special Offerings, you or your church can ~ make a pledge during registration. Pay your pledge with other registration expenses by check or online (credit card or ACH) at www.calpacumc.org/payment. ~ bring a check or cash to an in-person Annual Conference worship service.

OTHER MEALS OPTIONS DURING THE SESSION

On Site in the Hotel (visit laquintaresort.com to book tables at some locations)

TWENTY6

For classic comfort food with an imaginative twist, TWENTY6 is a relaxed American bistro and bar, serving meals from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily. The bar is open from 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM daily.

CENTRE COURT CAFÉ

Located by the main pool, the café serves traditional American fare like burgers, snacks, and cocktails. Find a roaming cart to order, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM daily, with the bar open until 5:00 PM.

THE MARKETPLACE

Enjoy your favorite specialty coffees, breakfast sandwiches, and pastries for breakfast, or a selection of salads, pizzas, and sandwiches at lunch or dinner. Open 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

ADOBE GRILL

Authentic Mexican dining with award-winning tamales. Open daily from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM and for lunch on Friday & Saturday.

MORGAN'S IN THE DESERT

La Quinta's signature dining venue, Morgan's showcases contemporary American cuisine inspired by local produce. Open daily from 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM.

Nearby

@ Avenida Bermudas & Calle Tampico (1.25 miles from the hotel)

- Stuff Pizza Bar & Grill
- The Grill on Main
- The Sandbar
- Enzo's Bistro and Bar
- Casa Mendoza
- Domino's Pizza (@ Calle Tampico & Desert Club Dr)

@ Calle Tampico & Washington St (1.6 miles from the hotel)

- Grocery Outlet
- Starbucks
- Basil Thai
- Subway
- El Toro Loco Artisan Market
- Beautiful Day (brunch)

@ CA-111 & Washington St (2.5 miles from the hotel)

- Trader Joe's, Sprouts, Vons, Costco, Wal-Mart, Target, Wendy's, In-n-Out, Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, Red Robin, Broken Yolk Café, Panera Bread, Longhorn Steakhouse, LG's Prime Steakhouse, Norma's Italian Kitchen, Fisherman's Market, Crumbl, Nothing But Bundt Cakes, and many, many more.

DISTRICT YOUTH LAY MEMBERS & DISTRICT YOUNG ADULT LAY MEMBERS

Youth & Young Adults elected as District Youth Lay Members or District Young Adult Lay Members are eligible for scholarship support from the Sessions Task Force for shared hotel housing (double-occupancy) and shared meals with other young people (thanks to our sponsors!). Some limitations apply. During the registration process, be sure to answer the questions in Section D for district youth and young adults relating to hotel and meals.

Parents of youth are required to sign a liability release before they are permitted to participate in conference activities. This liability release can be found online on the conference webpage or at www.calpacumc.org/yprelease.

Activities for Young People will be planned and run this year by Cal-Pac Young Gen Coordinators Brianna Uipi and Caitlyn Anderson. More information about activities for young people will be available soon. For questions, contact the Registrar as listed on page 1, or Brianna Uipi at buipi@calpacumc.org.

REGISTRATION WORKSHEET: Read all the information on page 1 before you begin.

<p>REGISTRATION PAGE 2: YOUR RSVPS Register by May 7 for district conferences. Register by May 26 for no registration fee. 0. Acknowledge the information you've read. Check the box. 1. Mark the District Conference(s) you are attending. 2. Mark your RSVP to the online Pre-Conference Briefing on Monday, June 8. 3. Mark your Annual Conference participation type (in-person, online, or a combination hybrid).</p>	<p>REGISTRATION PAGE 5 D. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS 1. Accessibility Requirements needed for participation. <i>Hawaii Only</i> for 2 & 3. Participant Flight Information to California, and to Hawaii. <i>District Youth & Young Adult Lay Members Only</i> for 4. – 8. Please read the relevant scholarship information closely. 4. Scholarship Acknowledgment. 5. & 6. Hotel Reservations for district youth & district young adults. 7. & 8. About meals for youth & young adults. 9. About young people activities.</p>
<p>REGISTRATION PAGE 3 A. ABOUT THE PARTICIPANT Provide the following: 1. & 2. Name & preferred name 3. & 4. Primary phone & mobile phone – will you accept texts? 5. Primary email and 6. Mailing address 7. & 8. District & local church.</p>	<p>REGISTRATION PAGE 6 E. SPECIAL EVENT MEALS The Sessions Task Force invites all participants to attend a few special events of interest. Only special event meals are catered by the hotel and hosted by conference organizations. Provide # of tickets for each meal (0 or up): E1. Wednesday Clergy Orders Luncheon (\$35) (Clergy only.) E2. Wednesday Celebration of Ministry Dinner (\$40) E3. Thursday Laity Luncheon (\$35) E4. Thursday Deacons Luncheon (\$35) E5. CST Alum Coffee & Conversation (\$10) E6. Thursday JCEM Missions Dinner (\$40) E7. Friday United Women in Faith Luncheon (\$35) E8. Friday UM Connections Dinner (\$40) E9. Saturday East District Breakfast (\$30) E10. Saturday Hawaii District Breakfast (\$30) E11. Saturday North District Breakfast (\$30) E12. Saturday South District Breakfast (\$30) E13. Saturday West District Breakfast (\$30)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>E14. Food Allergies. NOTE ABOUT SPECIAL DIETS: We strongly encourage those with special diets, including vegans and those with severe allergies, to consider options before purchasing meals. Although catered meals will be buffet-style, the hotel catering service does not provide a wide variety of flexible options.</p> </div>
<p>REGISTRATION PAGE 3 B. PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS These questions are asked to comply with ongoing denominational requirements (from GCSRW & GCORR), to conduct ongoing research, and to respect personal identities. 1. Is this your first Annual Conference? 2. Age Group? 3. Gender Identity? 4. Preferred Pronouns? (see note on registration) 5. Ethnicity? 6. Do you identify as having a disability? 7. Preferred Language? 8. Identity yourself as a Clergy Member, Lay Member, Observer Staff, or Non-Member.</p>	<p>REGISTRATION PAGE 7 F. OFFERINGS & SUBMISSION After you submit your registration, you will receive a confirmation email. An invoice will be provided within a few days, after your registration is reviewed by the Registrar. 1. Meal Expenses from Section E (auto-calculated) 2. Voluntary Contribution (enter amount)^ 3. Late Registration Fee (auto-calculated) 4. Special Offerings (enter amount)* 5. Total of All Expenses, Pledged Donations, & Pledged Offerings (auto-calculated) 6. Questions for the Registrar 7. Check to acknowledge the Terms & Conditions Click the Submit Form button to submit your registration. Be sure to get your confirmation number on the submission page.</p>
<p>REGISTRATION PAGE 4 C. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY Identify your relationship to the Annual Conference for badging and voting purposes. Some questions may not appear based on B8. 1. Identify Leadership & Staff Roles in the Annual Conference. 2. If invited, would you serve as IT voting support, second language assistance, UM Daily writing & editorial help, ushering, or as online moderator? ~ Lay Members: 3. Were you elected by your local church? (Yes/No) or 4. Were you elected by your district as a Lay Member or are you in a district leadership role that includes membership/voting at Annual Conference? (Identify.) or 5. Are you in a leadership role in the Conference that includes membership/voting at Annual Conference? (Identify.) ~ Clergy Members: 6. & 7. Annual Conference Clergy Membership ~ Observers Staff and ~ Non-Members: 8. & 9. Identify the role the most closely matches why you are attending.</p>	<p>REGISTER at www.calpacumc.org/ac2026</p>

We are so looking forward to conferencing with you this year!