

PARTICIPANT GUIDE



cherish

**THE 41st ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE
JUNE 11-14 | INDIAN WELLS, CA | RESIDENT BISHOP DOTTIE ESCOBEDO-FRANK**

2025 CAL-PAC PARTICIPANT GUIDE

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Table of Contents PG-1
 Agenda Detail (*subject to revision*) PG-1
 Emergency Response..... PG-3
 Frequently Asked Questions PG-4
 MeetingPulse Online Attendee Instructions..... PG-5
 Using the MeetingPulse Platform PG-6
 Non-Conference Meal Options PG-7
 Conference Info, Livestream, Social Media PG-7
 Consent Calendar PG-8
 Alternate Lay Members..... PG-9
 Legislation Tracking Sheet PG-10

AGENDA DETAIL

41st Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference
 June 11-14, 2025 (Plus Pre-Conference Briefing 6/2)
 Daily Schedule as of June 3, 2025 (DRAFT - Subject to Revision)
 Vision: Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger - Cherish!

Monday June 2, 2025 (via Zoom)

Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
6:30 PM	3:30 PM	Pre-Conference Briefing	ZOOM
		Ministry Reports	Video / Media Team
		Legislative Sections	3 randomly selected groups

Wednesday June 11, 2025

Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
8:00 AM		Registration	Crystal Foyer
11:30 AM		Clergy Orders Lunch	Esmeralda I-IV
1:30 PM		Opening Worship	Crystal Ballroom
3:00 PM		Plenary Session 1	Crystal Ballroom
		Call to Order	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Opening Business	Rev. Bob Rhodes
		Orders of the Day	Rev. Cathie Capp
		Announcements	Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
		Land Acknowledgement	Rev. Gregory Douglass
		Delegation Discussion	Rev. Allison Mark & Monalisa Tu'itahi
		CSRW	Rev. Stephanie Rice
		Retirement Video	Media Team
		Cherish Chat: Community Health	Rachel Gipson
		Instructions & Closing Prayer	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
4:30 PM	1:30 PM	Break	
5:00 PM	2:00 PM	Dinner (Celebration of Ministry 5:15-6:45pm or on your own)	Esmeralda I-IV
7:00 PM	4:00 PM	Laity Session	Valencia Ballroom I-IV
7:00 PM		Clergy Executive Session	Crystal Ballroom
9:00 PM		Karaoke	Stir
9:00 PM		Film Screening (Holy Land Task Force)	Esmeralda V
9:00 PM		Unhosted Board Games	Esmeralda Foyer
9:00 PM		Memorial Team Meeting / Rehearsal	Crystal Ballroom

2025 CAL-PAC PARTICIPANT GUIDE

Thursday June 12, 2025			
Time (PDT)	REAL Time	Session/Report/Presentation	Presenter / Location
6:00 AM		Cherish: Hosted Labyrinth	Mountain View
7:00 AM		District Breakfasts (East, North, & South)	South: Esmeralda I-IV East: Esmeralda V North: Esmeralda VI-VIII
8:00 AM		Registration	Crystal Foyer
8:30 AM		Wesleyan Love Feast	Crystal Ballroom
9:00 AM		Plenary Session 2	Crystal Ballroom
		Call to Order	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Orders of the Day	Rev. Cathie Capp
		Announcements	Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
		Board of Ordained Ministry	Rev. Greg Batson
		Episcopal Address	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Ratification & Legislation	Jason Takagi
		Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Leave	Rev. Cathie Capp
		Certified Lay Minister Blessing	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Young Gen Task Force	Rev. Melinda Dodge
		One Matters Award	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank and Erin Hawkins
		Retirement Videos	Media Team
		Instructions & Closing Prayer	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
11:45 AM		Break	
12:00 PM	9:00 AM	Lunch (Special Luncheons 12:15-1:45pm)	Laity Luncheon in Esmeralda I-IV Deacons in Esmeralda VI-VIII
1:00 PM		CST Alum Coffee & Conversation	Mountain View Room (Rev. Steve Horswill-Johnson)
2:00 PM		Plenary Session 3 (Thursday afternoon)	Crystal Ballroom
		Call to Order	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Orders of the Day	Rev. Cathie Capp
		Announcements	Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
		Cherish Chat: Love our Neighbors (Immigration)	Monalisa Tu'tahi and panel
		Retirement Videos	Media Team
		Legislation	Jason Takagi
		Deaconess video	Media Team
		Deaconess Commissioning: Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Closing Prayer & Instructions	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
4:30 PM		Break	
5:00 PM	2:00 PM	Dinner (Cherish Dinner 5:15-6:45pm or on your own)	Esmeralda I-IV
5:30 PM		Memorial Reception	Mountain View
7:00 PM	4:00 PM	Celebration of Life Worship Service	Crystal Ballroom
9:00 PM		Open Mic Night	Stir
9:00 PM		Screening of 1946	Esmeralda V
9:00 PM		LAMAG (Latin-American Methodist Advocacy Group)	Mountain View
Friday June 13, 2025			
Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
6:00 AM		Yoga / Meditative Prayer	Mountain View
7:00 AM		Unhosted Labyrinth	Valencia I
7:00 AM		District Breakfasts (Hawaii & West)	Hawaii: Esmeralda VI-VIII West: Esmeralda I-IV
8:00 AM		Registration	Crystal Foyer
8:30 AM	5:30 AM	Wesleyan Love Feast	
9:00 AM		Plenary Session 4	Crystal Ballroom
		Call to Order	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Orders of the Day	Rev. Cathie Capp
		Announcements	Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
		Cherish Chat: Distaster Response	Krista Bilderbach and panel
		Retirement Videos	Media Team
		SAI/UMC Scholarships	Bob Arvizu
		CFA Presentation: Budget Approval	Rev. Molly Vetter and Rev. George Hooper
		Legislation	Jason Takagi
		Closing Prayer & Instructions	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
11:45 AM		Break	

2025 CAL-PAC PARTICIPANT GUIDE

Friday June 13, 2025			
12:00 PM	9:00 AM	Lunch (Justice & Compassion or on your own)	Social Justice Luncheon in Esmeralda I-IV
2:00 PM		Plenary Session 5	Crystal Ballroom
		Call to Order	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Orders of the Day	Rev. Cathie Capp
		Announcements	Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
		Cherish Chat: Property Development	Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin
		CFA Presentation: Apportionments	Rev. Molly Vetter
		Legislation	Jason Takagi
		Cabinet Matters	Rev. Moonyoung Lee
		Retirement Videos	Media Team
4:30 PM		Break	
5:00 PM		Dinner (Bishop's Award 5:15-6:45pm or on your own)	Bishop's Award Dinner: Esmeralda I-IV
7:00 PM		Cherish Workshops	Various Locations (Esmeralda, Valencia, Mtn View)
8:30 PM		Commissioning & Ordination Rehearsal	Crystal Ballroom
9:00 PM		Trivia Night	Stir
9:00 PM		Book Club	Mountain View
Saturday June 14, 2025			
Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
6:00 AM		Sound Bath	Mountain View
7:00 AM		Unhosted Labyrinth	Valencia 1
7:00 AM		Breakfast	BMCR: Esmeralda I-IV
8:00 AM		Registration	Crystal Foyer
8:30 AM	5:30 AM	Praise & Worship (pop-up choir)	Crystal Ballroom
9:00 AM		Plenary Session 6	Crystal Ballroom
		Call to Order	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Orders of the Day	Rev. Cathie Capp
		Announcements	Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
		Cherish Chat: Cherishing our Staff	Jan Hanson
		Spotlight CST	Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kuan, Rev. Steve Horswill-Johnston
		Wespath: Compass	Manuel Vargas
		Legislation	Jason Takagi
		CoSRoW	Rev. Stephanie Rice
		Nominations	Rev. Sunyoung Lee and Lynn Owan
		Sessions Committee	Rev. Bob Rhodes
		Conference Wrap-Up	Erin Hawkins
		Closing Business	Rev. Bob Rhodes
11:45 AM	8:30 AM	Break	
12:00 PM	9:00 AM	Lunch	UWF Luncheon in Esmeralda I-IV
1:30 PM	10:30 AM	Commissioning & Ordination Service	Crystal Ballroom
3:00 PM	12:00 PM	END OF SESSION	

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Should any type of emergency arise, please call 911. The address for the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa is 44400 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, CA 92210.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following are a collection of questions asked during previous Zoom Webinar Conference Sessions or in preparation for this 2025 hybrid Session.

WORSHIP

1. **How will we worship?** – All Worship services will be live in the Crystal Ballroom and online.
2. **Can anyone join in worship?** – The services will be available within MeetingPulse and livestreamed on the Conference website at calpacumc.org/ac2025.

LEGISLATION, VOTING, AND THE BUSINESS OF THE CONFERENCE

1. **Where can I find the Preliminary Report?** – At calpacumc.org/ac2025.
2. **Where can I find the Agenda for Annual Conference?** – See page PG-1 of this Participant Guide.
3. **Where can I submit legislation prior to Annual Conference?** – Use the following link for all submissions: <https://www.calpacumc.org/ac2025secretarysubmissions>.
4. **Where can I submit legislation during Annual Conference?** – Use the following link for all submissions, even if moved from the floor: <https://www.calpacumc.org/ac2025secretarysubmissions>.
5. **Will we have Legislative Sections?** – Yes. Legislative Sections were held immediately after the Pre-Conference Briefing on June 2, 2025. Any items that received at least 80% Concurrence or Non-Concurrence have been placed on a Consent Calendar, which will be considered during a Plenary Session.
6. **How will voting go?** – All voting—both online and in person—will take place through the MeetingPulse platform, using secure, authenticated connections. Access links will be emailed before sessions begin. Voting results will be documented and shared.
7. **Will we be able to vote to abstain?** – No. The option to vote “Abstain” will not be available. According to *Robert’s Rules of Order*, abstaining means choosing not to vote and should not be offered as a voting option. See FAQ #6 here: robertsrules.com/frequently-asked-questions/.
8. **Do all voting members have to be in-person to vote on the actions of the AC2025?** – No. Voting members who can’t attend in person—especially due to ongoing public health concerns—are invited to participate online from June 11–14. Whether attending in person or online, all voting members will use the same secure, authenticated online system to cast their votes.
9. **Do I need more than one electronic device to participate in AC2025?** – No. The MeetingPulse platform is web-based and designed to work on a single device. Online participants will be able to vote, access features, and view the plenary screen all in one place. In-person participants will have access to the same platform, but without the video stream, to help conserve bandwidth.

CONTACT

For Registration and Technical Support - Contact Jennifer Gaylord (jgaylord@calpacumc.org), Conference Registrar.

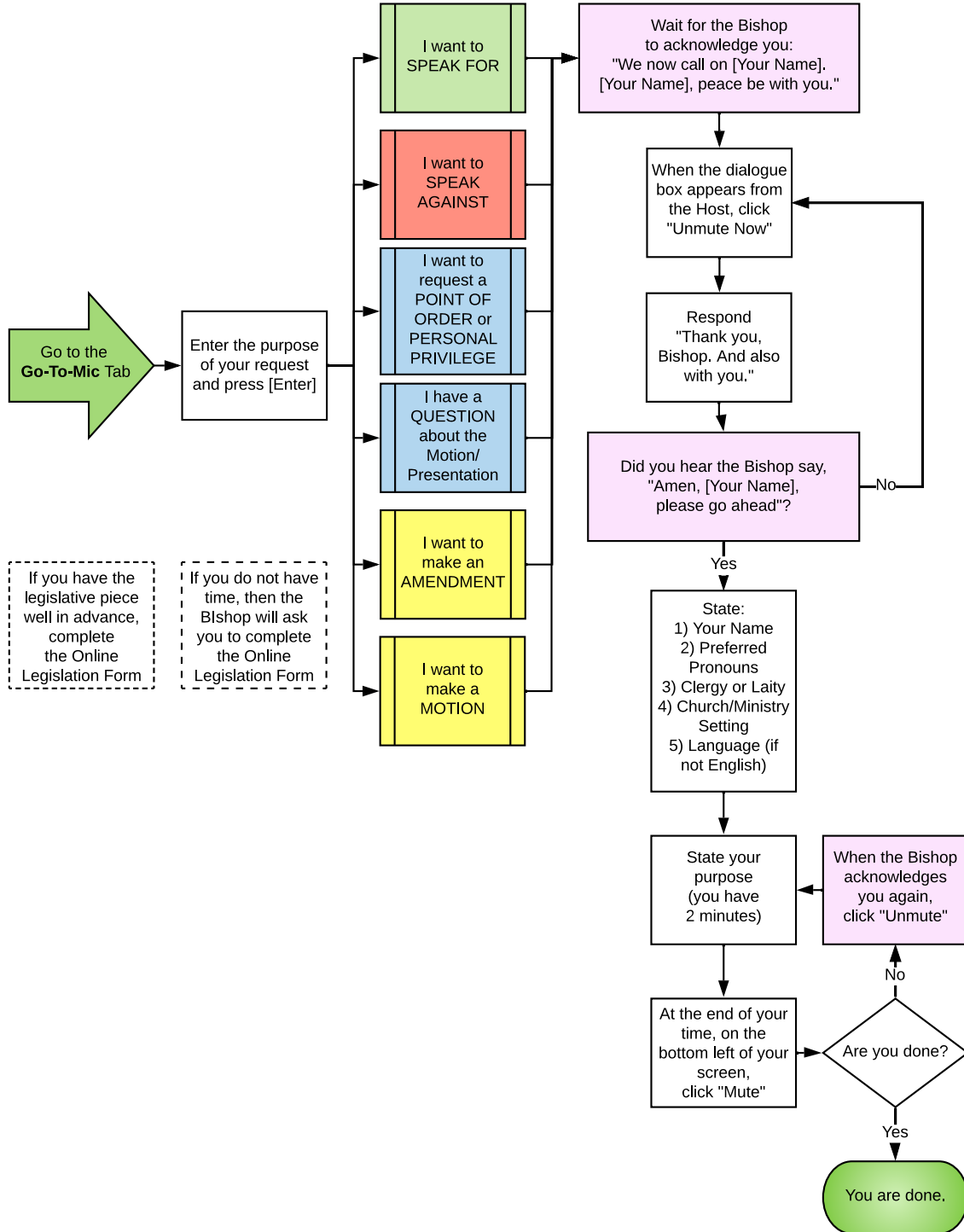
For Business of the Conference or Session - Contact Rev. Bob Rhodes (secretary@calpacumc.org), Conference Secretary.

MEETINGPULSE ONLINE ATTENDEE INSTRUCTIONS

General Questions

For support, simply click/tap the Support tab and type your question. A Moderator will respond as soon as possible.

To Speak on the Floor



Note: All legislation must be received in written form even when moved from the floor. An Online Legislation Form can be found at <https://www.calpacumc.org/ac2025secretarysubmissions> (distributed to Secretary and UM Daily).

USING THE MEETINGPULSE PLATFORM

This year's Annual Conference Session uses MeetingPulse, an all-in-one engagement platform designed to support both in-person and online participation. MeetingPulse enables secure voting and offers several tools to help members engage fully in the life and business of the Conference.

Before you begin

Choose ONE device—a mobile phone, tablet, or computer—that you will use throughout the session. It is important to note that each voting member may only participate from one device. If you log in on more than one, only your first submitted vote will count. Members sharing a household or workspace should each use a separate device.

How to Access MeetingPulse

1. Open the email from Data Services on your chosen device.
2. Click the provided link.
3. Enter your Access # when prompted. This number is included in the same email and is unique to you.

There's no need to select a session—MeetingPulse will automatically direct you to the correct digital workspace. Note that Clergy participating in the Executive Session will receive a separate email to join.

What You'll Find in MeetingPulse

- Agenda
A live, easy-to-reference schedule that includes plenary sessions, worship services, special meals, and other key events. Updated in real time.
- Voting
Secure, real-time voting during plenary sessions. Votes are timed and must be submitted when called.
- Expressions
A live feedback tool for in-the-moment reactions like “Amen,” “Thumbs-up,” “LOL” and more.
This feature will be disabled during debate and voting to help maintain focus and fairness.
- Chat
An open unmoderated space for informal conversation and community engagement.
This feature will be disabled during debate and voting to avoid distractions and minimize side commentary.
- Go To Mic (for online participants only)
Online participants can use this feature to request to speak for/against a motion, make an amendment, etc.
- Support
Once logged in, participants can access technical help through the Support tab.

Need Help Loggin In?

If you're having trouble accessing MeetingPulse, contact Jennifer Gaylord (jgaylord@calpacumc.org), Conference Registrar, or a member of the Conference Secretary team.

NON-CONFERENCE MEAL OPTIONS

The Sessions Task Force invites you to join the special meal events during the Annual Session that interest you and for which you have already purchased tickets (during registration). We share meals to build community, celebrate each other, and learn about our common mission and ministry work. For mealtimes in which you don't have a special event meal ticket, there are many accessible restaurants nearby.

ON SITE IN THE HOTEL

CAVA

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Published Hours: 7:00am–9:00pm
 TripAdvisor Cost Rating: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Reservations available through opentable.com

GLO SUSHI

Meals: Dinner
 Published Hours: 4:00pm–10:00pm
 TripAdvisor Cost Rating: \$\$-\$\$\$
 Classic sashimi, nigiri, and signature rolls

H2O POOL BAR

Meals: Lunch
 Published Hours: 10:00am–5:00pm
 (food service begins at 11:00am)
 Poolside classic bites and beverages

CAVÉ BISCOTTI

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
 Published Hours: 6:00am–4:00pm Mon-Thu
 And 6:00am-6:00pm Fri-Sat
 TripAdvisor Cost Rating: \$
 Grab-&-Go Sandwiches, snacks, pastries, bev.

THE PLACE

Meals: Dinner
 Published Hours: 4:00pm–11:00pm
 Diverse dining menus and beverages
 in the evenings

NEARBY

**@ Ave 42 & Washington St
 (3.4 miles from the hotel)**

Denny's
 Jersey Mike's
 KFC
 Panda Express
 Starbucks
 Little Ceasar's
 and many more
 (including grocery stores)

**@ CA-111 & Deep Canyon Rd
 (2.8 miles from the hotel)**

Wingstop
 Del Taco
 Panda Express
 Ruth's Chris Steak House
 The Hood Bar and Pizzeria
 The Sonoma Grille
 and many more
 (including grocery stores)

**@ The Shops at Palm Desert &
 Palms to Pine West
 (4.3 miles from the hotel)**

Arby's
 City Wok
 Le Basil
 McDonald's
 Sbarro
 Stuff Pizza Bar & Grill
 and many, many more

CONFERENCE INFO, LIVESTREAM, SOCIAL MEDIA

Hotel WIFI Network: AC2025

Password: 25ACSession

calpacumc.org/ac2025

calpacumc.org/secretary

 @umccalpac

 @calpacumc

#CherishAC25

CONSENT CALENDAR

FOR CONCURRENCE

(Voting percentages from Legislative Sections in bold following each item):

Recommendations

REC 25-01	Pensions 1: Health Care for Active Clergy & Families, Lay Employees	98%
REC 25-02	Pensions 2: Retiree Health Care	98%
REC 25-03	Pensions 3: Clergy Housing Allowance	100%
REC 25-04	Pensions 4: Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Program	99%
REC 25-05	Advance Specials	99%
REC 25-06	Equitable Compensation Minimum Salary Schedules	97%
REC 25-08	Quotas and Special Askings	99%
REC 25-09	Salary Ranges for Cal-Pac Conference Staff Positions	99%

Resolutions

RES 25-01	No Renewal of Military Leases on O’ahu	98%
-----------	--	------------

Rules

RUL 25-01	Conference Treasurer/CFBO	97%
RUL 25-02	Separate Connectional Table from EMTs	98%
RUL 25-03	Laity Council Membership	100%
RUL 25-04	Prioritizing Retired Deaconesses/Home Missioners for Lay Equalization	95%
RUL 25-07	Congregational Vitality EMT	83%
RUL 25-08	Inter-Ethnic Strategy Group	95%

ITEMS NOT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Recommendations

REC 25-07	2026 Budget with Narrative
-----------	----------------------------

Resolutions

RES 25-02	Psychological Assessments in the Primary Language of Candidates **No recommendation in Legislative Section #2
-----------	--

Rules

REC 25-05	Tithe Apportionments	
RUL 25-06	Policy Change: Background Checks in the Local Church **Amended in Legislative Section #2	88%

Note: This page reflects all legislation received by the Conference Secretary’s office as of the publication of this Participant Guide.

ALTERNATE LAY MEMBERS

Alternate Lay Members are individuals who have been elected to serve as Lay Members in the event that the original Lay Member that has been elected cannot serve.

During the 2025 hybrid Annual Conference Session, this can be accomplished in three ways:

1. **The Lay Member cannot attend and does not register.** In this scenario, the Alternate Lay Member should register or be registered for the Annual Conference as a Lay Member so they are fully included in communications about the Session, including Zoom and MeetingPulse voting.
2. **The Lay Member registers but finds they cannot serve before the Session begins, or starts to serve but is unable to continue.** In this scenario, the Lay Member should contact the Registrar to provide the name of their Alternate. If the Lay Member is unable to do so, the church's pastor-in-charge must notify the Registrar that the original Lay Member is unable to serve. If the Alternate is already registered, their registration will be changed to a Lay Member registration. If the Alternate has not previously registered, the Registrar will register the Alternate as a Lay Member (cancelling the original Lay Member registration) and the Alternate will serve the remainder of the Session.
3. **The Lay Member is present, but must temporarily stop participating (plans to return).** In this scenario, the Lay Member may disconnect from the Zoom webinar and from the MeetingPulse voting platform and provide their credentials to the Alternate, who will use them for the period of time that the Lay Member is away. When the Lay Member returns, the Alternate must leave the Zoom webinar session and disconnect from MeetingPulse so that the Lay Member can re-join the Session.

The Registrar is Jennifer Gaylord, and she can be reached during the Session at jgaylord@calpacumc.org or (626) 755-5751 or by visiting the Registration Office in the Jones-Day Room adjacent to the Crystal Foyer.

2025 Cal-Pac Legislation Tracking Sheet						
Number	Published	Title of Legislation	Submitted by	LS#	Section Action	Plenary Action
RECOMMENDATION						
	PR-Prelim Report					
REC 25-01	PR-63	Pensions 1: Health Care for Active Clergy & Families, Lay Employees	Board of Pension and Health Benefits	1	Concurrence	
REC 25-02	PR-63	Pensions 2: Retiree Health Care	Board of Pension and Health Benefits	1	Concurrence	
REC 25-03	PR-63	Pensions 3: Clergy Housing Allowance	Board of Pension and Health Benefits	2	Concurrence	
REC 25-04	PR-64	Pensions 4: Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Program	Board of Pension and Health Benefits	2	Concurrence	
REC 25-05	PR-65	Advance Specials	JC-EMT	2	Concurrence	
REC 25-06	PR-66	Equitable Compensation Minimum Salary Schedules	Commission on Equitable Compensation	3	Concurrence	
REC 25-07	PR-67	2026 Budget with Narrative	Council on Finance and Administration			
REC 25-08	PR-79	Quotas and Special Askings	Council on Finance and Administration	3	Concurrence	
REC 25-09	PR-79	Salary Ranges for Cal-Pac Conference Staff Positions	Staff Resource Committee	3	Concurrence	
REC 25-10	AC 2025 Website	Nominations Report (<i>when available</i>)	Conference Nominations Committee			
RESOLUTIONS						
RES 25-01	PR-82	No Renewal of Military Leases on O'ahu	Acts of Repentance Task Force	1	Concurrence	
RES 25-02	PR-83	Psychological Assessments in the Primary Language of Candidates	Individuals	2	No Rec.	
RULES						
RUL 25-01	PR-85	Conference Treasurer/CFBO	Council on Finance and Administration	3	Concurrence	
RUL 25-02	PR-89	Separate Connection Table from EMTs	Connectional Table	1	Concurrence	
RUL 25-03	PR-91	Lait Council Membership	Lait Council	1	Concurrence	
RUL 25-04	PR-93	Prioritizing Retired Deaconesses/Home Missioners for Lay Equalization	Individuals	2	Concurrence	
RUL 25-05	PR-93	Tithe Apportionments	Council on Finance and Administration			
RUL 25-06	PR-96	Policy Change: Background Checks in the Local Church	COSROW	2	Con. as Amended	
RUL 25-07	AC 2025 Website	Congregational Vitality EMT	NM-EMT	3	Concurrence	
RUL 25-08	AC 2025 Website	Inter-Ethnic Strategy Group	NM-EMT and Inter-Ethnic Strategy Group	3	Concurrence	

