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**THE 42nd ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE
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AGENDA DETAIL

42nd Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference
June 17-20, 2026 (Plus Pre-Conference Briefing 6/8)
 Daily Schedule as of June 10th (DRAFT - Subject to Revision)
 Vision: Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger - Astonish!
 Scripture: John 14:12-14

Monday June 8, 2026 (via Zoom)			
Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
7:00 PM	4:00 PM	Pre-Conference Briefing	MeetingPulse
		Ministry Reports	Video / Media Team
		Legislative Sections	Randomly selected groups
Wednesday June 17, 2026			
Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
8:00 AM		Registration	Flores Check-in Desk
11:30 AM		Clergy Orders Lunch	Fiesta Ballroom 1-8
1:30 PM		Opening Worship	Flores Ballroom
3:00 PM	12:00 PM	Plenary Session 1	Flores 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. Greg Douglass and Dr. Kim Marcus
		General and Jurisdictional Delegate Nominations	Rev. Bob Rhodes
		CSRW / 70th Anniversary Ordination of Women	Rev. Stephanie Rice and Ellen Evans Agee
		Calgary Conference Blessing	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Lay Servant Ministry Recognition	Mele Maka and Troy Goar Johnson
		Conference Staff Recognition	Erin Hawkins
		Wesleyan Faith in Tonga	
		Retirement Videos	Media Team
		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)	Fiesta 1-8

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7:00 PM	4:00 PM	Laity Session	Fiesta Ballroom 9-14
7:00 PM		Clergy Executive Session	Flores Ballroom
9:00 PM		Memorial Team Meeting / Rehearsal	Flores Ballroom
Thursday June 18, 2026			
Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
8:00 AM		Registration	Flores Foyer
8:30 AM		Praise & Worship	Flores Ballroom
9:00 AM	6:00 AM	Plenary Session 2 Call to Order Orders of the Day Announcements Board of Ordained Ministry Episcopal Address Connectional Table / CFA Presentation General and Jurisdictional Delegate Work Retirement Videos Instructions & Closing Prayer	Flores Ballroom Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank Rev. Cathie Capp Rev. Won-Seok Yuh Rev. Greg Batson Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank Rev. George Hooper and Rev. Molly Vetter Rev. Bob Rhodes Media Team Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
11:45 AM		Break	
12:00 PM	9:00 AM	Lunch (Special Luncheons 12:15-1:45pm)	Laity Luncheon in Fiesta 1-8 Deacons in Fiesta 13-14
1:00 PM		CST Alum Coffee & Conversation	Las Brisas 1-2 (Rev. Steve Horswill-Johnston)
2:00 PM	11:00 AM	Plenary Session 3 Call to Order Orders of the Day Announcements Bishop's Award Legislation Budget discussion Reports Instructions & Closing Prayer	Flores Ballroom Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank Rev. Cathie Capp Rev. Won-Seok Yuh Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank Jason Takagi Rev. George Hooper and Rev. Molly Vetter Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
4:30 PM		Break	
5:00 PM	2:00 PM	Dinner (JCEMT Dinner 5:15-6:45pm or on your own)	Fiesta Ballroom
5:30 PM		Memorial Reception	
7:00 PM	4:00 PM	Celebration of Life Worship Service	Flores Ballroom
8:30 PM		Astonish Prayer Vigil	Main Lawn
9:00 PM		LAMAG (Latin-American Methodist Advocacy Group)	Las Brisas 1
Friday June 19, 2026			
Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
8:00 AM		Registration	Flores Foyer
8:30 AM	5:30 AM	Praise & Worship	Flores Ballroom
9:00 AM	6:00 AM	Plenary Session 4 Call to Order Orders of the Day Announcements Astonish Talk SAI/UMC Scholarships CST General and Jurisdictional Delegate Work Legislation Retirement Videos Closing Prayer & Instructions	Flores Ballroom Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank Rev. Cathie Capp Rev. Won-Seok Yuh Rev. Ken Suhr Bob Arvizu President Grant Hagiya Rev. Bob Rhodes Jason Takagi Media Team Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
11:45 AM		Break	
12:00 PM	9:00 AM	Lunch (UWF Luncheon 12:15-1:45pm)	Luncheon in Fiesta 1-8

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2:00 PM	11:00 AM	Plenary Session 5 Call to Order Orders of the Day Announcements General and Jurisdictional Delegate Work Legislation Cabinet Matters Reports Nominations Cabinet Matters Miracle Sunday Presentation Sessions Committee Retirement Videos Closing Prayer & Instructions	Flores Ballroom Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank Rev. Cathie Capp Rev. Won-Seok Yuh Rev. Bob Rhodes Jason Takagi Rev. Moonyoung Lee Rev. Sunyoung Lee Rev. Moonyoung Lee Rev. Paige Eaves Rev. Bob Rhodes Media Team Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
4:30 PM		Break	
5:00 PM	2:00 PM	Dinner (UM Connections 5:15-6:15pm or on your own)	
6:30 PM	3:30 PM	Plenary Session 6 Call to Order Orders of the Day Announcements BeUMC Awards Blessing of the GC/JC Delegates Legislation Budget Vote Conference Wrap-Up CSRW	Flores Ballroom Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank Rev. Cathie Capp Rev. Won-Seok Yuh Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank Jason Takagi Rev. George Hooper and Rev. Molly Vetter Erin Hawkins Rev. Stephanie Rice
8:15 PM		Commissioning & Ordination Rehearsal	Flores Ballroom
9:00 PM		Young People's Worship	
Saturday June 20, 2026			
Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
7:00 AM		District Breakfasts	Fiesta Ballroom (follow signage)
8:00 AM		Registration	Flores Foyer
9:00 AM	6:00 AM	Commissioning & Ordination Service	Flores Ballroom
11:00 AM	8:00 AM	END OF SESSION	

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Should any type of emergency arise, please call 911. The address for the La Quinta Resort & Club is 44-499 Eisenhower Drive, La Quinta, CA 92253.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following are a collection of questions asked during previous Zoom Webinar Conference Sessions or in preparation for this 2026 hybrid Session.

WORSHIP

1. **How will we worship?** – All Worship services will be live in the Flores 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/ac2026.

LEGISLATION, VOTING, AND THE BUSINESS OF THE CONFERENCE

1. **Where can I find the Preliminary Report?** – At calpacumc.org/ac2026.
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/ac2026secretarysubmissions>.
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/ac2026secretarysubmissions>.
5. **Will we have Legislative Sections?** – Yes. Legislative Sections were held immediately after the Pre-Conference Briefing on June 8, 2026. 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 AC2026?** – No. Voting members who can’t attend in person—especially due to ongoing public health concerns—are invited to participate online from June 17–20. 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 AC2026?** – 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 for help with accessing the MeetingPulse platform - Contact Jennifer Gaylord (dataservices@calpacumc.org), Conference Registrar.

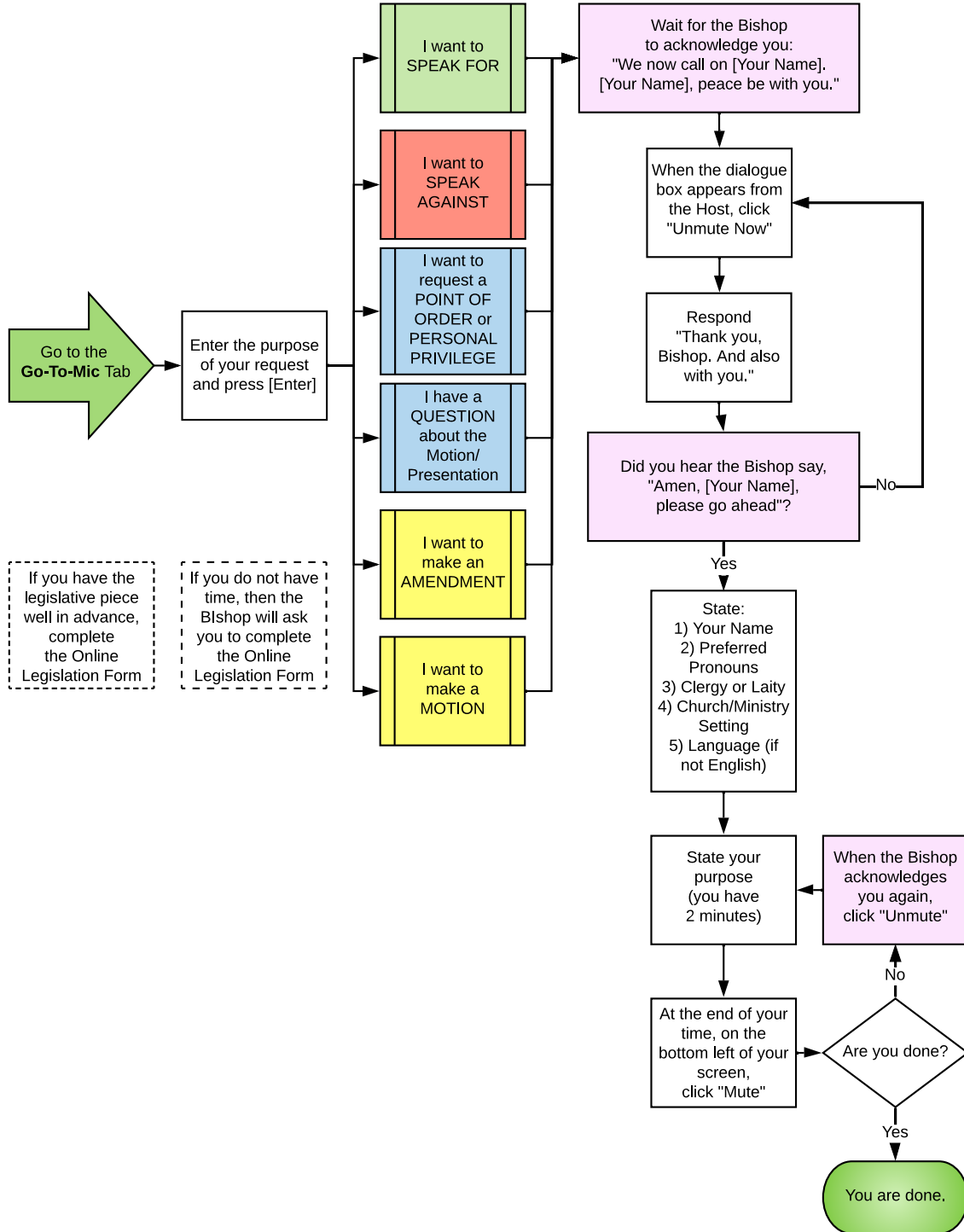
For Business of the Conference or Session - Contact Rev. Bob Rhodes (secretary@calpacumc.org), Conference Secretary.

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/ac2026secretarysubmissions> (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 provide information and directions to the correct digital workspace.

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.
- 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 Logging In?

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

CONFERENCE INFO, LIVESTREAM, SOCIAL MEDIA

Hotel WIFI Network: LaQuinta_Meeting

Password: calpac2026

calpacumc.org/ac2026

calpacumc.org/secretary

 @umccalpac

 @calpacumc

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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

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 to 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 to 7:00 PM.

ADOBE GRILL

Authentic Mexican dining with award-winning Tamales. Open daily from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM and for lunch on Friday and 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 to 9:30 PM.

NEARBY

@ Avenida Bermudas & Calle Tampico

(1.25 miles from the hotel)

- Stuft 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 more.

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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 2026 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 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 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 dataservices@calpacumc.org or (626) 755-5751 or by visiting the Registration Business Office in Diego 1 off the veranda between the Flores and Fiesta ballrooms.

CONSENT CALENDAR

FOR CONCURRENCE

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

Recommendations

REC 26-02	Advance Specials	97%
REC 26-03	Pensions 1: Health Care for Active Clergy & Families, Lay Employees	99%
REC 26-04	Pensions 2: Retiree Health Care	99%
REC 26-05	Pensions 3: Clergy Housing Allowance	100%
REC 26-06	Pensions 4: Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Program	99%

Resolutions

RES 26-01	Elevation of Eco-Ministry Strategy Group	92%
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ITEMS NOT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Recommendations

REC 26-01	Nominations Report
REC 26-07	Quotas and Special Askings
REC 26-08	Salary Ranges for Cal-Pac Conference Staff Positions
REC 26-09	2027 Budget with Narrative
REC 26-10	Equitable Compensation Minimum Salary Schedule

Resolutions

RES 26-02	Disaster Response Preparations in the Local Church **No recommendation in Legislative Section
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Rules

RUL 26-01	Tithe Apportionments
RUL 26-02	Tenure Rule **Withdrawn in Legislative Section, to be updated

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

