



Dear Friends in Mission and Ministry,

I am writing with gratitude for the many ways that the **California-Pacific Annual Conference** strengthens the UMC connection through your support of mission and ministry across the region and around the world. Additionally, we are grateful for the contributions of **Michael Mitchell**, a member of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Here is a snapshot of your recent generosity and commitment to mission and ministry:

- California-Pacific Annual Conference gave **\$298,430.63** through the **Advance** in 2025.
- California-Pacific's support of **18 missionaries—the most in the Western Jurisdiction—** is building communities of encouragement and friendship through missionaries around the world. We are very grateful for the continued leadership of global missionaries **Claudia Kathleen Genung, Joy Prim, T. Park** and **J.J. Park** who are from the Conference and for **Joel Hortiales** who is serving in the Conference as a missionary with the National Plan for Hispanic and Latino Ministries.
- As we recognize the 10th anniversary of the Global Ministries **EarthKeepers** program this year, we celebrate **Melanie Branson** and **Laura Prather**, who recently went through EarthKeepers training. We are grateful for the many ways your conference cares for our earth.
- We value the United Methodist theological schools located in the Western Jurisdiction — **Claremont School of Theology** and **Iliff School of Theology** — each of which received Ministerial Education Funds distributed based on the formula approved by General Conference. We are grateful for the **WJ's Course of Study Regional School** for licensed local pastors. Every day these institutions nurture their students academically, socially, ethically, and spiritually.
- We celebrate the many ways that mission and ministry happen in California-Pacific through laity, clergy, churches, and places of higher education. In 2025, Higher Education and Ministry and Global Ministries invested **\$951,809** in ministries within the Conference, which include:
 - **\$704,408** in support of **UMCOR U.S. Response and Recovery efforts** in the California-Pacific region.
 - **\$59,401** in **scholarship support** awarded to **32 students** in your conference.
 - **\$20,000** total to Los Feliz UMC and Victorville UMC for **Ethnic-in-Service Training**.
 - **\$60,000** to the Conference, **\$5,000** to Cambodian UMC and **\$5,000** to Altadena UMC in **Racial Ethnic Local Church Grants**.
 - **\$29,000** total in **Pacific Islander Ministry Plan Grants** to **3 congregations** — Bellflower First UMC, First Tongan UMC and Garden Grove UMC.

- **\$15,000** from the **Asian American Ministry Plan** to West Anaheim UMC.
- **\$10,000** to Native American UMC of Southern California from the **Native American Ministry Sunday Offering**.
- **\$26,000** total to **3 congregations** from the **Korean Ministry Plan** — Altadena UMC, Bell Memorial UMC and Bethnay UMC.
- **\$3,500** to Korean UMC-San Diego to support **environmental sustainability** efforts.
- A grant from the **Global Health** Unit of **\$4,500** to New Beginnings UMC-San Bernadino.
- **2 congregations** received a total of **\$4,000** through the **Feeding Our Neighbors** food ministry grant. We are grateful for the ongoing commitment that Community UMC-Julian, Tujunga UMC and many other churches in the California-Pacific Annual Conference have made to feed their neighbors.
- A total of **\$6,000** for **3 congregations** to support ministries with their immigrant neighbors through **Mustard Seed Migration Grants**. Thank you to Chollas View UMC, La Plaza UMC, and San Jacinto UMC for the ways they and others are building relationships and extending hospitality to our neighbors.

Every day, your generosity and your prayers impact the lives of people close to home and far away. Thank you for your steadfast commitment to our connectional church and the many ways you participate in God's work around the world. We are grateful for such a powerful witness!

God's peace,

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