

Santa Barbara

# District Conference & Pre-Conference Briefing

May 21, 2011



Thousand Oaks UMC

# Welcome

## Santa Barbara District ~ Pre-Conf Briefing & District Conference



May 21, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments  
Fellowship Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Pre-Conference Briefing  
Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Break & Refreshments
- 10:45 a.m. District Devotional and Holy Conferencing

Devotional

Santa Barbara District Conference: Holy Conferencing

- Call to Order: District Superintendent, Rev. Catie Coots
- Election of District Conference Secretary: Dorrel Atteberry
- District Lay Leader: Mele Maka
- District Union Report
  - Restatement of Articles of Incorporation
- Other District Reporting
- 2011 District Budget
- Nominations for District Leadership & Committees
- Nominations of District Lay Members to Annual Conference
- Nominations for General Conf and Western Jurisdictional Conf delegates

Sending Out Into the World

## ~ Upcoming Events ~

### Annual Conference...June 16 - 19, 2011

- *Lay Orientation...Thursday, June 16 at 10:00am...Orton*
- *Orders Covenant Session...Thursday, June 16 at 2:00pm...Orton*
- *Lay Session...Thursday, June 16 at 2:00pm...Chapel*
- *Opening Plenary & Call to Order...Thursday, June 16 at 4:00pm...Chapel*
- District Gathering ~ Thursday, June 16 @ 9:00pm in Casa Loma

### Santa Barbara District Summer Camps @ Camp Wrightwood

- Younger Elementary: June 19-22 (1st-3rd grades in Fall '11)
- Older Elementary: June 19-25 (4th-6th grades in Fall '11)
- Jr. & Sr. High Camp: July 3-9 (7th-graduating seniors)

# Santa Barbara District

## Devotional

May 21, 2011



Greeting & Opening Prayer

Mele Maka, Lay Leader

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will proclaim your praise.

**People:** *Glory to God! Give glory to the God of love and grace. Give thanks for all our blessings!*

Leader: We gather as believers in Jesus Christ. We gather here from every church in the district, from the North and from the South, from the East and from the West.

**People:** *We gather as missionaries, as believers who proclaim our faith, by word and deed.*

Leader: May God bless us as we gather to make decisions that are pleasing in God's sight.

**People:** *May we express our faith and be Christ's disciples as we meet together.*

Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-7

Jack Doman, Assoc. Lay Leader

Meditation

**MSAE**

Rev. Catie Coots

Closing Prayer

Rev. Steve Peralta

# Santa Barbara District Conference

*Saturday, May 21, 2011*

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District Conference Secretary :     *Dorrel Atteberry*    

District Leadership/Committees

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## District Superintendent Report

Several years ago, Bishop Swenson asked us all to think and pray about how to be a more faithful witness to the Wesleyan code in our Zip Code. Let me just give a few samples of how our churches and ministries are reaching out to the folks in our neighborhoods and beyond:

93423 (Atascadero) has increased in worship attendance and in the number of active families with young children.

91344 (Granada Hills) Knollwood/Sun Valley is working together in harmony as they share a facility and strategize for how to do a better job in reaching out to the neighborhood around the,. In the same zip code, Valley Korean is very active in mission work throughout the world.

93036 (No. Oxnard) has created a community garden that gives food to the local Food Bank, and has brought community leaders into a new partnership with the church.

91331 (Pacoima) has expanded it's outreach to be more multi-cultural and inclusive of the neighborhood surrounding their church building.

93447 (Paso Robles) while the smallest of our churches in numbers of people, they are actively engaged in their zip code and have adopted an elementary school and a nursing home for special outreach.

91340 (San Fernando) has faithfully been serving as a Food Pantry for the neighborhood, with people lined around the block to get this essential aid.

93458 (Santa Maria: Christ) has actively engaged in fund raising to help the people of Japan, and has started a new ministry with Hispanic people in their neighborhood.

93060 (Santa Paula) has begun hosting a warming shelter at El Buen Pastor supported by both churches in 93060.

91423 (Sherman Oaks) participated in a film contest and shared the results in worship with a movie that gave a compelling message of hope and redemption relevant in both content and delivery.

91356 (Tarzana) has started a ministry reaching out to 18 yr olds who graduate from the Foster Care system but need additional support as they transition into independent mature adults.

91311 – (Chatsworth; District Office) the district is going to start a new ministry reaching out to younger people in a church without walls.

There are many more ministries within our district boundaries. There are even more churches than those listed here who are adding new ministry and growing and thriving. The task is large but so is the commitment of our pastors and laity. I give thanks to God for each and every one and for the privilege of service.

May God bless us all.

Your partner in ministry,  
Catie

## District Lay Leader Report

My Beloved Disciples of Jesus Christ:

As we look to a “future with hope,” and to making Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world I am always amazed at how we cope and react to crisis in our lives, whether we are at church or home or at work. I most often see reaction but I think that we need to step back and remind ourselves that we are God’s image and we need to remember that we are not alone. God is with us, we need to seek God first and everything else will fall into its place.

This past year we have faced many challenges as individuals and as a church. We often make choices that are very uncomfortable and sometimes painful and some of us blame others and sometimes we deny the realities of our situation, but I know that God is preparing all of us for something greater that we could ever imagine. I believe that we will know someday why we journey in this wilderness we will come to a greater understanding of God’s wisdom and will.

Sometimes God is testing us just like he tested Abraham. God called Abraham and he said, “Here I am Lord.” He said take your only son Isaac whom you love and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you. So Abraham rose early in the morning and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to these young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife so the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father” and he said “Here I am, my son.” He said “The fire and the wood are here but where is the Lamb for a burnt offering? Abraham said God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son, but the angel of the Lord called him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” and he said “Here I am” The Lord said “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me” and Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place, “The Lord will provide.” When we face challenges that make us feel very uncomfortable I pray that we put our trust and faith in God because in the midst of it all God will always provide. He will never let us journey alone.

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ I believe that God is not through with us yet and I believe that great tasks are ahead of us ,but I know that we can do all things through Jesus the Christ who strengthens us.

Praise God for our life together!

Mele Maka.

## Central Coast Cluster Report

The Central Coast Cluster consists of twelve congregations stretching from Lompoc in the south to Paso Robles and Shandon in the north. The active clergy serving these churches form a strong collegial group that meets monthly to share the joys and challenges of our respective ministries, provide mutual support, and plan some joint programs. The past couple of years we have taken turns presenting some “Best Practices” with one another, including such topics as financial stewardship, a 40-day journey in prayer, and liturgical worship. An Elementary Camp was conducted in July 2010 at Camp Arroyo Grande, with thirty campers and seven Counselors-in-training. In the fall of 2010, Jane Voigts and David Camphouse organized a very successful “Lay Speaking” School over two Saturdays, with a team of clergy teaching the Basic and Advance courses. We also hold a Cluster Choir Festival on the first Sunday each May with participation from most of our churches. This year the event was held at the Atascadero UMC, with over 220 in attendance, and seven choirs each singing one piece. The concert concluded with two magnificent anthems (“Praise, Praise the Lord” by Jay Althoise, and “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” by Tom Fettke) sung by the combined choirs along with a small orchestra. An offering of about \$750 was split evenly between Japan emergency relief and the Wesley Foundation in San Luis Obispo.

Rev. Mark Richardson

### Church Location & Building Committee Report

Business of the Board since July, 2010, as per *The Book of Discipline, 2008*, paragraph 2518:

- 1) Approved a loan refinance at Valencia by Bank of the West, at the request of our District Superintendent.
- 2) Approved the request of Los Osos: Trinity's Long Range Planning Task Force, Trustees and Church Council to recommend to their Church Conference the sale of the Church-owned house on one-half acre of land at 480 Los Osos Road, west of the Church, and designate the proceeds for various capital expenses, including, restoring their Maintenance Trust Fund to its original \$100,000 level, pay off the mortgage on the property, upgrade the Pine Street parsonage to Conference standards, create additional parking spaces on the south side, install acoustic ceiling in the fellowship hall, and install solar panels on the south roof of the Church. The District Board (paragraphs 2519 & 2543) is to "ascertain that [Church] sites are...adequate in size to provide space for future expansion and parking facilities".
- 3) Concurred with the application of Santa Barbara: St. Mark's for a \$95,000 line of credit from the UMFCU to re-roof the Church's social hall and preschool building, replace office windows, and possibly pay off the mortgage on their parsonage. A letter was sent to the UMFCU.
- 4) Affirmed remodeling plans for a room at San Luis Obispo to make it available as another classroom for their preschool, the United Methodist Children's Center.
- 5) Although most of our business is conducted by email, a couple members of our Board were asked to be a part of an assessment team led by a task force from the District Planning and Strategy Committee to visit and review options for Santa Barbara: Korean UMC and be a part of preparing a recommendation on how to go forward. (Paragraph 213).

Rev. Stan Fix, Chairperson

## Santa Barbara District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Your District Committee on Ordained Ministry has continued working diligently with those who are seeking provisional membership and commissioning as deacons and elders. In the list of names below, you see the future leadership of our churches. We congratulate Elaine Cho and Melinda Teter Dodge who will be commissioned at Annual Conference! We are grateful for the ways in which each of these persons are responding to God's call in their lives and are preparing themselves for full-time Christian service.

Additionally, this year we have begun working with those who perceive a call to become Certified Lay Ministers (CLM). We congratulate Candace Holsenbeck-Smith, who has completed this process, been certified by the District Committee on Ordained Ministry and will be presented at Annual Conference in June! Certified Lay Ministers are persons who have participated in a two-year Lay Academy, been approved by their local church and the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. With this knowledge, training, authorization and accountability, they are equipped to serve as specialized volunteer lay leadership within and beyond the local church. Their service will take place within: the congregation (as in founding a new ministry or revitalizing an ongoing ministry); or in the cluster or with other congregations (leading or coordinating a selected ministry); or in the community (to develop a ministry needed in the community). See our Conference website for more information (<http://cal-pac.org/pages/detail/1767>).

The following are Certified Candidates and Candidates Approved as Local Pastors.

### **CERTIFIED CANDIDATES:**

Elaine Cho	Akiko Miyake-Stoner
James Choi	Ruy Mizuki
Melinda Dodge	Sione Nai
Garth Gilliam	Janelle Pearson (2011)
Terry Hanauer	Robert Rhodes
Tua Inoke	John Robison
Christian Jung (2011 pending trf)	Tim Rochte
Nathan Kwak	America Rojas (2011)
Wendy Langhans	John Robison
Sung S. Lee (2011)	Dennis Wilson (2011)
Rahel Lee-Yoo (2011)	Hong Yun Won
Matthew McPhee	Phillip Yu

### **CERTIFIED CANDIDATES APPROVED AS LOCAL PASTORS:**

Elaine Cho	Akiko Miyake-Stoner
James Choir	Ruy Mizuki
Terry Hanauer	Sione Nai
Christian Jung (pending trf)	Bob Rhodes
Sung S. Lee	John Robison
Matthew McPhee	

**CERTIFIED LAY MINISTERS** Candace Holsenbeck-Smith (2011)

**CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY** Mike Lee Wolf

Grace and peace,  
Rev. K. Cherie Jones  
Chairperson, Santa Barbara District on Ordained Ministry

## Missions Report

### 2010-2011 SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT GLOBAL MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT

In approaching the June 5th celebration of Christ's ascension, let us consider our response to His promise, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Recent advances in communications bring distant global events into our living rooms. The traumas faced by people far and near pull at our heart strings, and we have been moved to respond in ministry. In 2009 (2010 data is not available) local churches reported the following outreach teams:

**7** mission teams sent by 5 individual churches with 31 participants

**85** community ministries for day care and education

**131** community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy

One outreach team was sponsored in 2010 by this district to Gulfport Mississippi with a dozen members working from Camp Love. This was the fifth year Katrina related teams were sent. We expect that 2011's will be the last.

In the calendar year of 2010, the churches of this District contributed **\$5,907,544.72** through apportioned benevolences, World Service and Conference Benevolences, African University, General Advance Specials and World Service Special Gifts, General Special Day offerings, Annual Conference Special Sunday offerings and Conference Advance Specials!

San Luis Obispo UMC led the district in contributions to missions with \$11,042. Chatsworth West set a high mark for us all at \$238 per member. These are encouraging challenges.

Of the 55 congregations in our district, 37 (67%) formed covenant relationships with one or more of our missionaries. They reached out to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the world through -- Givens in Germany, Persons in Congo, del Rosario in Cambodia, Elmore in Chile, Copley in Arkansas, Templeton in LA, Moon in Thailand, Henderson in Mexico, Jeffrey a photographer, Aramayo in Venezuela, Carwell in Kentucky, Partridge in Macedonia, Sheperd in Mongolia, Yu in Singapore, Jocson in Liberia, Siberia-Far East, Boyle in Japan, Genung in Japan, Mexico Border Ministry, White in Mexico, and Elmore in Alaska.

We were blessed by three missionaries itinerating in our district this last year: Rev. Krista Givens of Germany, Rev. Tim Boyle of Japan, and Gary Moon of Thailand.

For the conference, Dale Smith reported that in 2010, there were 224 churches giving over \$367,000 for covenant missionary support. This represents a steady, annual increase over the last 17 years!

From our 2010 apportionments, **\$21,175** was allocated to District Block Grants. Of this, awards were made to: Atascadero Loaves and Fishes, El Camino Homeless Shelter, Reseda Food Pantry, North Valley Caring Services, St. Paul's Reopening Doors, San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council, and Thousand Oaks Study Buddy Program. These are effective local ministries.

Advance Special District Status was given to Atascadero Loaves and Fishes, North Valley Caring Services and Valley Interfaith Council. The Mary Magdalene Project is a Cal-Pac Annual Conference Advance Special. You are encouraged to learn more about all these projects through visiting, volunteering, and having them provide programs for you.

At Annual Conference, 100% churches will be recognized having paid their World Service and Conference Benevolences and Apportionments in full, and contributed \$5 or more per member for each missionary (or couple) or \$2,500 for churches over 500 members. Santa Barbara District's 2010 100% churches are Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Camarillo, Chatsworth West, Fillmore Bardsdale, Lompoc 1st, Los Osos Trinity, Morro Bay/Estero Bay, Newhall Friendly Valley, Oxnard: St. Paul's, San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria Christ, Shandon, Sherman Oaks, Thousand Oaks, and Ventura 1st. Congratulations for your faithful stewardship.

The District Missions Team has included Doris Dent, Don Howald, Rev. Anna Camphouse, and Wendy Langhans. We process requests for Block Grants and Advance Special status. Because of the distances involved, we conduct our business by email, mail, and telephone. If you wish to join this committee, please tell the district office, or call me at 805-783-1537.

This past year, I sent 12 emails to district churches tying current news events with what our church was doing in various countries. The majority of these items were reports from UMCOR. The format was designed for use as a bulletin insert or items in a newsletter.

Personally, it is a privilege to serve as one of your District Lay Members at Annual Conference and your representative on the Conference board of Global Ministries and as its secretary.

Sue Pruner, Santa Barbara District Missions Director.

## District Planning & Strategy Committee Report

This year the work of the DPAS was made much easier by all the churches which sent in their reports and gave some time and thought to the paradigm model we initiated in 2010. A majority of you sent in reports which were very helpful to us in our annual evaluations.

After thorough evaluation we find that we have 13 cats and 18 Collies = 31 Churches or 58% of our total of 53 who have less than 100 people on Sunday morning. Of those 31, 19 are in trouble; seriously struggling to pay bills and keep the doors open. Any significant set back might push them to closure. Only 12 of the 31 are doing what we would call average or excellently.

We have 8 garden size churches (attendance of 100->175), 15% of the District, and not surprisingly none of these are in trouble, all are doing well or excelling.

We also have 9 house sized churches (attendance of 175->225) and three of those are really in trouble, the other five are average or above. So of the 16 gardens and houses only 3 are truly in trouble.

There are only 5 churches constituting all our mansions (225->450) and ranches (450->700) and all are doing well enough.

But looking at it another way, 22 of our 53 churches in all categories, are in trouble, 41%. This is not a good report. On the other hand 59% seem to be thriving or even excelling and it is nice to see that is still a majority.

When we evaluate churches we look at several key criteria: Growth in membership, growth in income, growth in missional giving, growth in children and youth, growth in the number of new members received. Several churches have received significant financial windfalls which allow them to pay all their bills, but are still declining in membership, in member giving, in missional giving, and new members received, we consider these churches to be in serious trouble.

Which leads me to the committees response to troubled churches:

### ¶213 Task Forces

Some churches have or will receive notification this year that we have appointed a Task Force, under the authority of The Discipline ¶213 to examine their mission. The purpose of a ¶213 Task Force is to help the local church develop plans for ministry within their community. What we are looking for is an indication that the local church is aware of its broader mission to the people within its community and is working on plans to effectively reach out to that community. When we don't receive your reports we must do our own evaluation. Sometimes we have sufficient knowledge through our common connectional communications to make an adequate estimate of a churches missional strength. But sometimes we look at the statistical abstract, recall what we can from our common knowledge, and still feel we do not have enough information to make a fair estimate of a churches missional strength. In those instances we have the authority under ¶213 to create a Task Force to make that assessment.

We do not begin these procedures with any preconceived notion of what we will find. We begin them with the understanding that we are ignorant and seeking knowledge. If you are notified that you will have a ¶213 Task Force come and visit your church, we hope you will see this as an exciting opportunity to have some people with a fair amount of expertise come and look at your church and its community and make recommendations about your future plans. You will be invited to designate several people to join the Task Force and provide information about your church and any additional documentation the Task Force may need. Everyone involved in a ¶213 Task Force is a volunteer, but they are chosen because of the particular skills that they can bring to the table in a specific situation. Were you to pay for such a consultation it might cost you thousands of dollars. We offer it free in the hope that the work of the ¶213 Task Force will encourage churches to move in new directions that might prove more beneficial to the church and the whole community.

## **District Planning & Strategy Committee Report (cont'd)**

### **Our work in 2011**

#### **Mission Areas**

One of the changes we will all be working through in the coming year is the implementation of Mission Areas. This is a new connectional plan designed and imposed by the cabinet that hopefully will encourage churches within a clustered geographical area to work cooperatively. DPAS will be involved in helping these plans move forward effectively.

#### **San Fernando Valley Connecting Point**

DPAS feels strongly that the time has come to do something new with a church start. Times have changed! What people used to do as a “community” is not what people do now in “community!” We think there are new opportunities to preach the good news to new generations of people. When John Wesley stepped up to a tree stump outside the mines at closing time he was going where the people were, not waiting for the miners to wander into church. When the Wesley’s took popular songs and wed them to Christian lyrics, they were taking a timeless message to their people in a timely way.

Today people meet in social media, flash mobs, lunch bunches, at the gym and in the parking lots afterschool. The communities people build in this age do not have walls or pipe organs. What is today’s tree stump? Where do the miners change shifts in this new age? How do we “proclaim the Good News” in these new times?

We aren’t totally sure we have all the answers, or even fully understand the questions, but we intend to design new paradigms until one works. To this end, we will likely fail gloriously for awhile. But when we find the right tree stump, we intend to succeed in the best Wesleyan Tradition – with fervor and grace.

We may ask you for something as we pull all of our assets together to make this happen. Be prepared to say “Yes!” with enthusiasm, even if it seems a terrible idea.

We are tired of being Chicken Little. We intend to be the Little Red Hen, and we hope you aren’t like her friends, come join in the fun of the creation and the joy of completion.

In Christ’s service,

Steve Petty  
Chair of DPAS

**District Treasurer's Report**  
**Santa Barbara District Ministries 2010**  
(01/01/10-12/31/10)

**Balance Sheet at December 31, 2010**

**ASSETS**

UMFCU Savings	\$	25.00	
UMFCU Checking	\$	6,112.30	
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>		<b>6,137.30</b>	<b>\$ 6,137.30</b>

**LIABILITIES**

\$ -

**FUND BALANCE**

**\$ 6,137.30**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE**

**\$ 6,137.30**

**Statement of Income & Expenses, Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2010**

Checking Account

**INCOME**

Cal-Pac Apportionments	\$	4,550.00	
SBDU Reg - Grant	\$	1,500.00	
Camping	\$	2,402.50	
Other	\$	570.00	
UMFCU-new cking acct start up	\$	75.00	
Interest	\$	4.81	
<b>Total Income Received</b>		<b>9,102.31</b>	<b>\$ 9,102.31</b>

**EXPENSES AND GRANTS**

Annual Conf-Lay Members	\$	1,450.00	
Lay Speaking	\$	251.01	
Spirit Quest	\$	125.00	
Camping	\$	6,114.87	
UMFCU-new cking,savings acct	\$	100.00	
Bank Fees	\$	115.87	
<b>Total Exp &amp; Grants</b>		<b>8,156.75</b>	<b>\$ 8,156.75</b>

**INCOME OVER EXPENSES & GRANTS**

**\$ 945.56**

**Santa Barbara District  
2011 District Ministries Budget**

**Balances**

Checking (1/1/11)	6112.30	
<u>Savings (1/1/11)</u>	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Balance		6137.30

**Receipts**

Cal-Pac (\$350/mo)	4200.00	
<u>Santa Barbara District Union</u>	<u>1500.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>5700.00</u>

**Total Balance & Receipts**

**\$11837.30**

**Disbursements**

Cal-Pac AC Lay Members, exp & supp	1500.00	
Programming		
Camping	2000.00	
Leadership Training	2000.00	
<u>Emerging Ministries</u>	<u>1700.00</u>	
Total Programming		<u>\$5700.00</u>

**Total Disbursements**

7200.00

**2011 Cash Carryover**

4637.30

**Total Disbursement & 2011 Cash Carryover**

**11837.30**

**Santa Barbara District Union**  
**Report to the Santa Barbara District Conference**  
**May 21, 2011**

Since the report at the last District Conference, we are happy to report that the District Union has continued to be an active participant in the life and ministry of many of our churches.

We have been able to make several loans to congregations at little or no interest for varying periods of time, a number of grants and matching grants to congregations, to encourage their morale and financial strength, and a couple of loans to sister Districts to get them “over a hump” in these difficult financial times. Churches helped include Atascadero, El Buen Pastor, St. Paul’s of Oxnard, Woodland Hills First UMC, UMC of Simi Valley, Westlake Village, Camarillo, Camarillo Korean, Lompac, Santa Maria First, Ojai, Canoga Park, Valley Korean, and those churches who experienced pastoral moves last July. We have also given some financial support to the District Office, and to the District Superintendent’s Discretionary Fund.

In addition to those activities, we have during this year been enmeshed in the complications related to selling the former St. John’s property, accounting relating to the closing and sale of property for the former El Mesias and Arleta: Trinity churches, and the legal and financial complications relative to assuming the management of the former Sepulveda UMC property. In ALL of these property matters, property reassessments were “triggered” at the County assessor’s office, requiring a significant investment of legal fees and personal time of the members of our District Union board to try to obtain more reasonable tax bills --- work that is still ongoing.

We appreciate and applaud the time and energy invested by Charles Cappleman and the Rev. Al Gorsline, who rotate off the District Union Board on June 30; and we look forward to welcoming the new members who will be joining us July 1.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Burgeson, Chair

**SBDU All Funds  
Combined Financial Statements for 2010**

*Balance Sheet at December 31, 2010*

**Assets****Cash Assets**

UMFCU Checking Accts	\$ 444,582.64	
UMFCU Savings Acct	\$ 156,181.40	
UMFCU Money Market	\$ 984,480.96	
UMFCU CDs	\$ 767,640.98	
Cal Pac Foundation ~ Investments	\$ 201,625.70	
Total Cash Assets		\$ 2,554,511.68

**Cash Receivables/Loans** \$ 1,448,929.41

**Property Loan Receivable (St John's)** \$ 3,100,000.00

**Conditional Grants/Delayed Assets** \$ 300,000.00

**Property**

Sepulveda	\$ 9,813,100.00	
Nipomo Property	\$ 200,000.00	
Total Property Assets		\$ 10,013,100.00

**Total Assets** \$ 17,416,541.09

**Liabilities** \$ 1,853,173.90

**Fund Balance** \$ 15,563,367.19

**Total Liabilities & Fund Balance** \$ 17,416,541.09

*Statement of Income and Expenses, January 1 - December 31, 2010*

**Income**

Grants Received	\$ 1,575.00	
Cal-Pac Block Grants	\$ 11,799.96	
Cal-Pac Apportionments Rec'd	\$ 34,009.73	
District Camping Fees Rec'd	\$ 2,402.50	
Facility Use Fees	\$ 117,965.64	
Property Tax Refund	\$ 9,756.37	
Proceeds from Sale of Property	\$ 540,000.00	
Thrift Store Sales	\$ 1,041.24	
Patterson Trust Fund	\$ 265,000.00	
Insurance Flood Damage Pay Rec'd	\$ 12,960.23	
Misc Income	\$ 1,458.79	
Int/Dividends	\$ 14,961.72	
Cal-Pac Foundation Earnings	\$ 13,831.94	
Total Income		\$ 1,026,763.12

**Expenses & Distributions**

Ministry Grants	\$ 306,299.49	
Block Grants	\$ 21,174.91	
District Camping	\$ 6,114.87	
Cal-Pac DS Housing	\$ 150,000.00	
Cal-Pac P/L Insurance	\$ 19,563.00	
Annual Conf - Lay Members	\$ 1,450.00	
SB Dist Office	\$ 2,675.00	
Accountant Fees	\$ 550.00	
Legal Fees	\$ 42,737.27	
Property Maintenance/Rprs	\$ 31,984.88	
Utilities	\$ 47,872.34	
Property Taxes	\$ 207,884.67	
Exp from Sale of Property	\$ 321,484.68	
Sales Tax	\$ 322.49	
Misc Exp	\$ 1,633.21	
Total Expenses		\$ 1,161,746.81

**Net Income Over Expenses** \$ (134,983.69)

## Santa Barbara District United Methodist Men (UMM)

As of March 31, 2011, Santa Barbara District has Ten (10) chartered units in Santa Barbara District.

These units include:

Camarillo	Fillmore Bardsdale	Arroyo Grande First
Reseda First	Lompoc First	Santa Clarita
Simi Valley	Thousand Oaks	Van Nuys
Ventura First		

We have a few more that were chartered during 2010, but not currently:

North Hollywood First	Santa Barbara First
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The following units have chartered before 2010, but for whatever reason are not at present:

El Buen Pastor 2008	Northridge 2004	St Andrew 2006
Valley Korean 2004	Knollwood 2009	San Luis Obispo 2006
Valencia 2000		

This means that out of over 50 congregations in the Santa Barbara District we have somewhere between 10 and 12 chartered UMM units, with another 7 who have been chartered in the past. Now, I personally know that we have more active men's units in our district. It does not cost that much to be chartered, but it does mean you have an opportunity to get a lot more support for your unit if you were chartered. I had the pleasure of serving the Santa Barbara District as UMM President for the past 18 month's. It's true I am still learning my job. I work hard at representing our district on the conference UMM Board. I have made the time to complete all the classes at the Lay Ministry Academy and have become a Scouting Ministry Specialist. I am willing to try and assist any unit of men in the Santa Barbara District, chartered or not. I can be reached by several methods, they include email [cscout01@earthlink.net](mailto:cscout01@earthlink.net) cell phone 818-462-6479 (I have Verizon) or my home phone 818-996-0243 (if you are willing to leave a clear message with your return phone number twice), and of course by snail mail at 17216 Saticoy St. # 373, Van Nuys, CA, 91406.

Yours in Christ,  
Raymond Paul, SB District UMM President

## **Santa Barbara District United Methodist Women (UMW)**

At the close of 2010 the Santa Barbara District UMW had 1,105 members in 39 units. District officers were elected and a budget of \$11,710 for the 2011 year was adopted at the September Annual Meeting at the Reseda UMC. Helena Kim, the outgoing Conference Vice President, gave the main address on Evangelism and Faith Hope and Love in Action and Ellie Yang, Conference Korean Language Coordinator, gave a power point presentation on the activities of the UMW Korean Network. Two Local Officer Trainings (LOTS) were held in January; one training was held at Atascadero UMC for members in the northern part of the district and another training was held in the southern part of the district at the Simi Valley UMC. A total of 110 local officers participated. In April 46 members from various units took a chartered bus to the David and Margaret Home in La Verne for a tour and lunch and then on to Arcadia to tour the Methodist Hospital. The event was a mini social action and spiritual action retreat that focused on Health and Healing, the services provided by these two United Methodist Women's institutions. It was a very energizing day for all despite the distance; some members had traveled from as far as Arroyo Grande to participate. We are looking forward to the School of Christian Mission at Biola University in July; almost 100 % of our District Team will be in attendance along with many other district members.

Beverly King  
President, United Methodist Women  
Santa Barbara District

### **Santa Barbara District Youth Ministry**

Submitted by: Rev Rev Brian Long

#### **Brown Baggin It - "The Rat Race"**

From Saturday, March 5 - Sunday, March 6 roughly 60 youth and adults from the Santa Barbara District came together for a conference, skating, worship and a lock-in at the United Methodist Church of Westlake Village. Through these activities youth were invited to look at how they live life and whether they go through the motions of faith and daily living or are the living with a purpose and going against the societal flow. The conference workshops focused on time management, handling emotions, consequences of the wheel (finding help off the wheel), Methodist History and you and life after youth group and other topics. Following the conference the youth ate Taco Bell for dinner before heading out for a night of ice skating. During the nighttime devotion the speaker, Kimmie Stradling, shared how to rethink our Christian witness and how to live out our faith in the world around us in order to show her relationship with God. The event concluded with the Sunday morning worship and communion. I want to extend a special thank you to all who participated and who helped to make this event a wonderful and refreshing weekend.

# Santa Barbara District Leadership/Committees

District Conference ~ May 21, 2011

Names followed by an \* are pastors. The District Superintendent, Rev. Catie Coats, District Lay Leader, Mele Maka and Associate Lay Leader, Jack Doman are ad hoc members of all district teams and committees.

Nominees are underlined

## Camping Committee

David Camphouse* (Co-Coord)	Michelle Andrews	<u>Eliazar Baltazar</u>
Rochelle Kitzmann (Co-Coord)	Donna Everhart (Advisor)	<u>Brian Long*</u>

**Church Location & Building** – Responsible for resourcing and approving building projects for district churches and voting on church closures.

<u>Through June 2012</u>	<u>Through June 2013</u>	<u>June 2014</u>
Jack Doman	Stan Fix* (Chair)	<u>Gary Dickey*</u>
Joni Messenger*	Andre Wilson*	<u>Sang Yung Lee*</u>
Mary Birgelaitis*	Bruce Keeler	<u>Dave Sparhawk</u>

**Clergy Cluster Leaders** - Gathers clergy for fellowship, sharing resources, and developing cluster activities.

Central Coast Cluster	Mark Richardson*
Channel Islands Cluster	Sandy Liddell*
Valley(s) Cluster	Ruy Mizuki*

**Committee on Ordained Ministry** - Resources those called to ordained ministry; certifies candidates; recommends licensing of local pastors; recommends candidates to conference board

<u>Through June 2012</u>	<u>Through June 2013</u>	<u>June 2014</u>
Cherie Jones* (Chair)	Rich Bolin*	<u>Mark Richardson*</u>
Alan Strout* (Registrar)	Joseph Choi*	<u>Linda Vanek</u>
Steve Peralta*	Michele Perry	<u>George Armstrong</u>
Martha Saatjian		

**District Union** – Oversees district assets

<u>Through June 2012</u>	<u>Through June 2013</u>	<u>June 2014</u>
Mark Huntington*	Dave Burgeson* (Chair)	<u>Ron Vanek</u>
Kalesita Tuifua*	Bruce Solomon	<u>Charles Laing</u>
Sue Odgers	Robert Post (Vice Chair)	<u>Lew Fry* (Treas)</u>

**Latino Ministries** – Resources and promotes Latino Ministry.

Al Pineda (Chair)	Dal Graham	Maria Graham
Joel Hortiales*	Emilio Muller* (Conf Dir)	

**Lay Leadership Development Team** - Identifies and equips leaders in the district.

Jack Doman	Mele Maka	Kathy Perez
Garth Gilliam*	Carol Conner	

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**MISSION AREAS** - Leaders and information will be provided by July 1

**Missions Committee** - Reports to conference GBGM; assists in funding district & conference-wide outreach programs

Sue Pruner, Director  
Wendy Langhans

Donald Howald

Anna Camphouse

**Planning & Strategy** - Develops plan to revitalize churches and start new congregations; supports funding for local church pastors

Through June 2012

Paula Hulet\*  
John Shaver\*  
Kent Fromer\*

Through June 2013

Steve Petty\* (Chair)  
Joel Hortiales\*  
George Armstrong (pending)

June 2014

Stan Ferguson\*  
Robb Fuesler\* (pending)  
Sherry Klahs

**Superintendency** - Resources the work of the superintendent

Through June 2012

Cherie Jones\*  
Taylor Underwood  
Gretchen Keeler

Through June 2013

Marian Gill  
Bob Stimmel\*  
Mele Maka

June 2014

Charles Cappleman  
Barry Cunningham  
Jae Duk Lew\* (pending)

**District UMW President:** Beverly King

**District UMM President:** Raymond Paul

**District Disaster Response Coordinator:** Jack Doman

**District Youth Coordinator:** Brian Long\*

**District Young Adult Coordinator:**

**District Children's Ministry Rep:** Michelle Andrews

**District Chancellor:** Ron Harrington

*Please note: Following Annual Conference, we will print in the district directory whatever list for Conference Committees, agencies or possible EMT structure is voted on by the Annual Conference as related to our district representation or structure.*

# Santa Barbara District Delegates to 2011 Annual Conference

*Represent the district by attending plenaries and voting on issues.*

Santa Barbara District has been allotted a total of 17 Lay Members to Annual Conference. Of the 17 Lay Members, 1 must be the District Lay Leader, 3 must be Youth, 3 must be Young Adults, the District UMW President, the District UMM President, and 8 Adults-at-large. The list is as follows:

## 2011

Lay Leader: Mele Maka

Youth #1: Rebecca McKee

Youth #2: Jessica Welsh

Youth #3: James Giddings

Young Adult #1: Cassie Wohlfarth

Young Adult #2: Jacob Bartholomew

Young Adult #3: Matthew Burns

UMW Pres: Beverly King

UMM Pres: Raymond Paul

Adults-at-large (8):

1. John Burdett
2. Frank Fertschneider
3. Maggie Fertschneider
4. Marian Gill
5. Alma Hartman
6. Roger Johnson
7. Wanda McNeal
8. Sue Pruner

Alternate: Jack Hoskinson

## Santa Barbara District Conference ~ May 21, 2011

### MINUTES

The following Pre-Conference Briefing information was presented:

- Annual Conference Overview...Debbie Haustedt
- Review/update regarding *The 5 Essential Ministry Teams* Proposal...Debbie Haustedt
- CFA and Budget Proposal...Dan Gara
- Mission Areas and district re-alignment update...Rev. Craig Brown & Rev. Catie Coots, DS
- Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Ministries with Hispanics in Cal-Pac 2012-2022  
...Rev. Joel Hortiales and Rev. Ruben Esponda
- Camping Task Force & The Board of Camping & Outdoor Retreat Ministries...Sharon Smith

Santa Barbara District Holy Conferencing: May 21, 2011

Devotional: Mele Maka, District Lay Leader, began the worship time with inspiring words about being change agents for the kingdom of God and Rev. Catie Coots offered a heartfelt message about MSAE (Mutual Support and Encouragement).

District Superintendent, the Rev. Catie Coots, opened the Santa Barbara District Holy Conferencing.

Dorrel Atteberry was nominated and elected secretary for the district conference.

Rev. Coots reviewed the process of electing the district nominees for General and Jurisdictional Conferences and explained that those nominations/elections would take place at the end of the district conference meeting.

Mele Maka, District Lay Leader, gave no oral report and referred everyone to her written report in the SB District Conference Report Booklet.

The Rev. Dave Burgeson reviewed some of the district union activity for the year and also referred to the district booklet for additional details. A guest from the Santa Ana District asked for further details regarding the El Mesias & Sepulveda UMC closures, property and related financial information in particular to Hispanic Ministries. DS Coots responded that the proceeds from the sale of El Mesias had been distributed according to conference rules and Sepulveda property continued to support the community outreach organizations that have been there for many years, and added that there have been tremendous expenses related to the litigation after the church closed, as well as many deferred maintenance repairs being done on the property. Several ministry opportunities and facility uses are under consideration.

Sue Pruner, Director of the District Missions Committee, reported that the churches in the Santa Barbara District contributed \$5,907,544.72 through apportioned benevolences, etc.; supported mission teams, community ministries for daycare, education, outreach, justice and mercy and that 37 of our district churches have covenant relationships with Missionaries. Block Grant recipients and Advance Specials status details are contained in Sue's written report.

DS Coots presented and reviewed the Santa Barbara District Ministries 2011 Budget. It was unanimously approved by the conference attendees.

DS Coots presented the rosters for district leadership nominations and district lay members to annual conference. Both were unanimously approved.

DS Coots asked for recommendations for her to take to Conference Nominating Committee for the 5 Essential Ministries Teams.

Santa Barbara District Conference ~ May 21, 2011

**MINUTES**

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DS Coots called for clergy delegate nominations for General & Western Jurisdictional Conferences. The following clergy were nominated: Willie Foreman, Johan Dodge, Steve Peralta, Catie Coots, Andy Mattick. Ballots were handed out to all clergy who were instructed to vote for up to 4 of the nominees. The ballots were collected and counted. The following 4 clergy were voted to be nominated by the Santa Barbara District for the final voting of Clergy Delegates at Annual Conference: Willie Foreman, Steve Peralta, Catie Coots, Andy Mattick.

DS Coots called for laity delegate nominations for General & Western Jurisdictional Conferences. The following laity were nominated: Mele Maka, Bruce Keeler, Al Pineda, Beverly King, Pam Clark. Ballots were handed out to all laity who were instructed to vote for up to 4 of the nominees. The ballots were collected and counted. The following 4 lay persons were voted to be nominated by the Santa Barbara District for the final voting of Lay Delegates at Annual Conference: Mele Maka, Bruce Keeler, Al Pineda, Beverly King.

DS Coots lifted up the camping ministry in our district...contributions and camper sponsorships are needed and gladly welcomed - please send to the district office.

Rev. Garth Gilliam shared about Urban Kids Camp and requested district and local church financial support.

Rev. Dave Burgeson indicated that Spring 2012 will be the final district Katrina ReBuild Mission trip, as Camp Love, Mississippi, will be closing next year.

DS Coots closed the Santa Barbara District Holy Conference and concluded our time together in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorrel Atteberry  
Santa Barbara District Conference Secretary