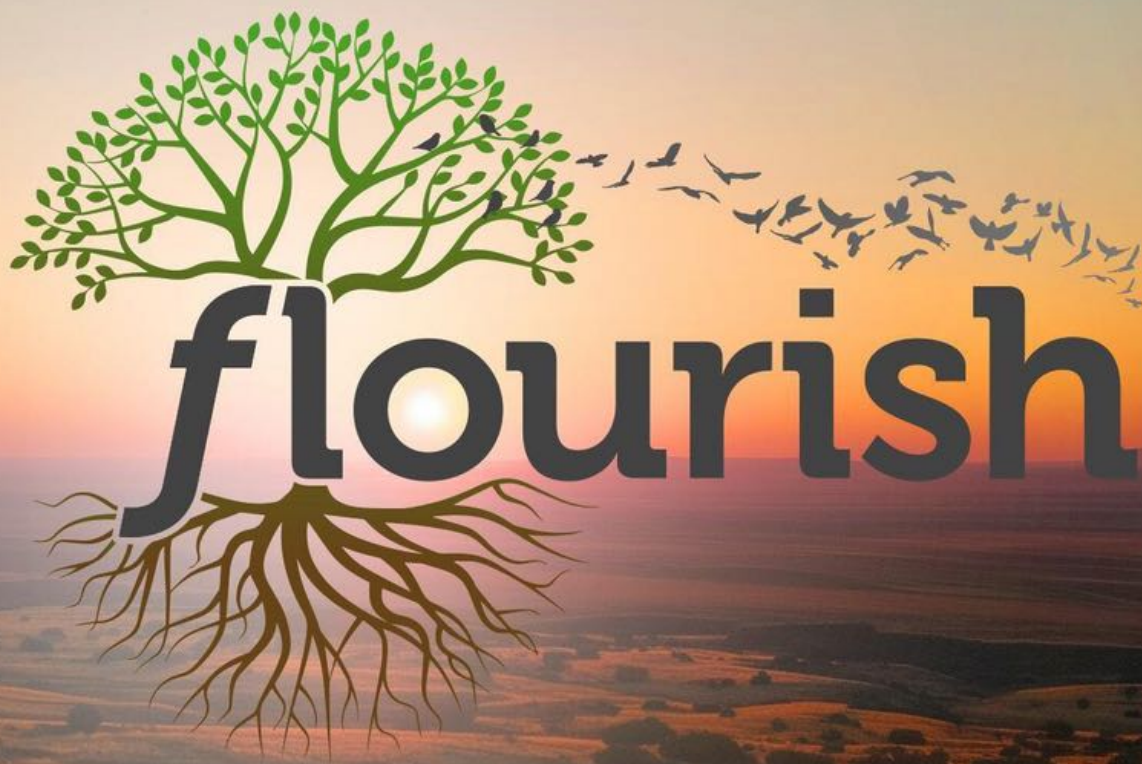


PARTICIPANT GUIDE



THE 40th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE
JUNE 12-15 | BURBANK, CA | RESIDENT BISHOP DOTTIE ESCOBEDO-FRANK

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AGENDA DETAIL

40th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference June 12-15, 2024 (Plus Pre-Conference Briefing 6/9) Daily Schedule as of June 3, 2024 <b style="color: red;">(DRAFT - Subject to Revision) Vision: Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger - Flourish!			
Sunday June 9, 2024 (via Zoom)			
Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
6:00 PM	3:00 PM	Pre-Conference Briefing	ZOOM
		Live engagement & Reports (GC/Being UMC, State and Future of AC, Local Church and Leadership)	Dr. Alyssa Fisher, Media Team, Rev. Bob Rhodes, Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
Wednesday June 12, 2024			
Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
7:00 AM		Registration	Convention Center Foyer
9:30 AM	6:30 AM	Clergy Executive Session	Academy Ballroom
11:00 AM		Break	
11:30 AM		Clergy Orders Lunch	City Ballroom
1:00 PM	10:00 AM	Opening Worship	Academy Ballroom
2:00 PM	11:00 AM	Plenary Session 1	Academy 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
		Flourishing After GC Panel Discussion	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank and panel
		Acts of Repentance	Rev. Amy Wake (video and live)
		Legislation	Rev. Lea Booth
		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 (special meal or on your own)	Missions Dinner: City Ballroom (5:15-6:45)
7:00 PM	4:00 PM	Flourish	Various Locations
9:00 PM		Memorial Team Meeting / Rehearsal	Academy Ballroom

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Thursday June 13, 2024			
Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Presenter / Location
7:00 AM		Registration	Convention Center Foyer
7:00 AM		District Breakfasts (North & East)	North: City Ballroom - Burbank/Hollywood East: City Ballroom - Glendale/Pasadena
8:30 AM	5:30 AM	Praise & Worship	Academy Ballroom
9:00 AM		Plenary Session 2	Academy 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. Diane Rehfield
		Connectional Ministries Programming	Erin Hawkins
		ASL	Rev. Dr. Denyse Barnes
		CFA Presentation	Rev. Molly Vetter
		Legislation	Rev. Lea Booth
		Retirement Videos	Media Team
		Instructions & Closing Prayer	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
11:45 AM		Break	
12:00 PM	9:00 AM	Lunch	Laity Luncheon in City Ballroom Deacons on Terrace
2:00 PM		Plenary Session 3	Academy Ballroom
		Call to Order	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Orders of the Day	Rev. Cathie Capp
		Announcements	Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
		A Flourishing Annual Conference	Erin Hawkins
		Legislation	Rev. Lea Booth
		Retirement Videos	Media Team
		COSROW	Rev. Stephanie Rice
		Closing Prayer & Instructions	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
4:30 PM		Break	
4:30 PM			Academy Ballroom
5:00 PM	2:00 PM	Dinner (special meal or on your own)	Celebration of Ministry Dinner: City Ballroom (5:15-6:45)
7:00 PM	4:00 PM	Memorial Worship Service	Academy Ballroom
9:00 PM	6:00 PM	LAMAG	City Ballroom. Rev. Dr. Joel Hortiales
Friday June 14, 2024			
Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
7:00 AM		Registration	Convention Center Foyer
7:00 AM		District Breakfasts (South & West)	South: City Ballroom - Burbank/Hollywood West: City Ballroom - Glendale/Pasadena
8:30 AM	5:30 AM	Praise & Worship	Academy Ballroom
9:00 AM		Plenary Session 4	Academy Ballroom
		Call to Order	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Orders of the Day	Rev. Cathie Capp
		Announcements	Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
		Connectional Ministries Programming	Erin Hawkins
		Legislation	Rev. Lea Booth
		SAI/UMC	Bob Arvizu
		Retirement Videos	Media Team
		Closing Prayer & Instructions	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
11:45 AM		Break	
12:00 PM	9:00 AM	Lunch (special meal or on your own)	Social Justice Luncheon in City Ballroom

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2:00 PM	Plenary Session 5	Academy Ballroom
	Call to Order	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
	Orders of the Day	Rev. Cathie Capp
	Announcements	Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
	Flourishing in the Local Church	Erin Hawkins
	Legislation	Rev. Lea Booth
	Cabinet Matters	Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon & media team
	Retirement Videos	Media Team
	Closing Prayer & Instructions	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
4:30 PM	Break	
4:30 PM	Rehearsal for Young People Worship	
5:00 PM	Dinner (special meal or on your own)	Bishop's Award Dinner: City Ballroom (5:15-6:45)
7:00 PM	Worship (Young People)	Academy Ballroom
8:30 PM	Commissioning & Ordination Rehearsal	Academy Ballroom
9:00 PM	Young People's Events	

Saturday June 15, 2024

Time (PDT)	Time (HST)	Session/Report/Presentation	Chair/Presenter/Facilitator
7:00 AM		Registration	Convention Center Foyer
7:00 AM		Breakfasts	Hawaii: City Ballroom - Burbank/Hollywood BMCR: City Ballroom - Glendale/Pasadena
8:30 AM	5:30 AM	Praise & Worship	Academy Ballroom
9:00 AM		Plenary Session 6	Academy Ballroom
		Call to Order	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Orders of the Day	Rev. Cathie Capp
		Announcements	Rev. Won-Seok Yuh
		Spotlight CST	Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya and alumni
		Connectional Ministries Programming	Erin Hawkins
		Nominations - Laity Appeal	Mele Maka and friends
		Certified Lay Minister Blessing	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Legislation	Rev. Lea Booth
		COSROW	Rev. Stephanie Rice
		Sessions Committee	Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank
		Closing Business	Rev. Bob Rhodes
11:45 AM	8:30 AM	Break	
12:00 PM	9:00 AM	Lunch	UWF Luncheon in City Ballroom
1:30 PM	10:30 AM	Commissioning & Ordination Service	Academy 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 Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel is 2500 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following are a collection of questions asked during previous Zoom Webinar Conference Sessions or in preparation for this 2024 hybrid Session.

WORSHIP

1. **How will we worship?** – All Worship services will be live in the Academy Ballroom and online.
2. **Can anyone join in worship?** – The services will be available within Zoom Webinar and livestreamed on the Conference website at calpacumc.org/ac2024.

LEGISLATION, VOTING, AND THE BUSINESS OF THE CONFERENCE

1. **Where can I find the Preliminary Report?** – At calpacumc.org/ac2024.
2. **Where can I find the Agenda for Annual Conference?** – See page PG-2 of this Participant Guide.
3. **Where can I submit legislation prior to Annual Conference?** – To the Conference Secretary (secretary@calpacumc.org).
4. **Where can I submit legislation during Annual Conference?** – At calpacumc.org/ac2024legislation.
5. **Will we have Legislative Sections?** – Because of our reduced schedule and fewer-than-anticipated legislative items, all matters of legislation are expected to be addressed individually during Plenary sessions with no Legislative Sections.
6. **How will voting go?** – All online and in-person voting will use the VPOLL platform using secure and authenticated connections. Links to access VPOLL are emailed before sessions begin. These votes will be documented and shared.
7. **Will we be able to vote to abstain?** – We will not have the option to vote in abstention. According to Robert's Rules of Order, "Abstention" is the act of declining to vote, and should not be a choice offered. 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 AC2024?** – Those who cannot be with us because of ongoing public health concerns are invited to join us at the events available online June 12-15. All voting members will vote using the same online authenticated system whether online or in-person.
9. **Do I need more than one electronic device to participate in AC2024?** – No. The voting system is an online and web-based system with a unique identifier for each voting member. Although it is not required, it is *recommended* that a 2nd device (smartphone, tablet, 2nd computer monitor, etc.) is used for voting during online sessions to allow each participant to continue to have a full view of the plenary screen while voting.

CONTACT

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

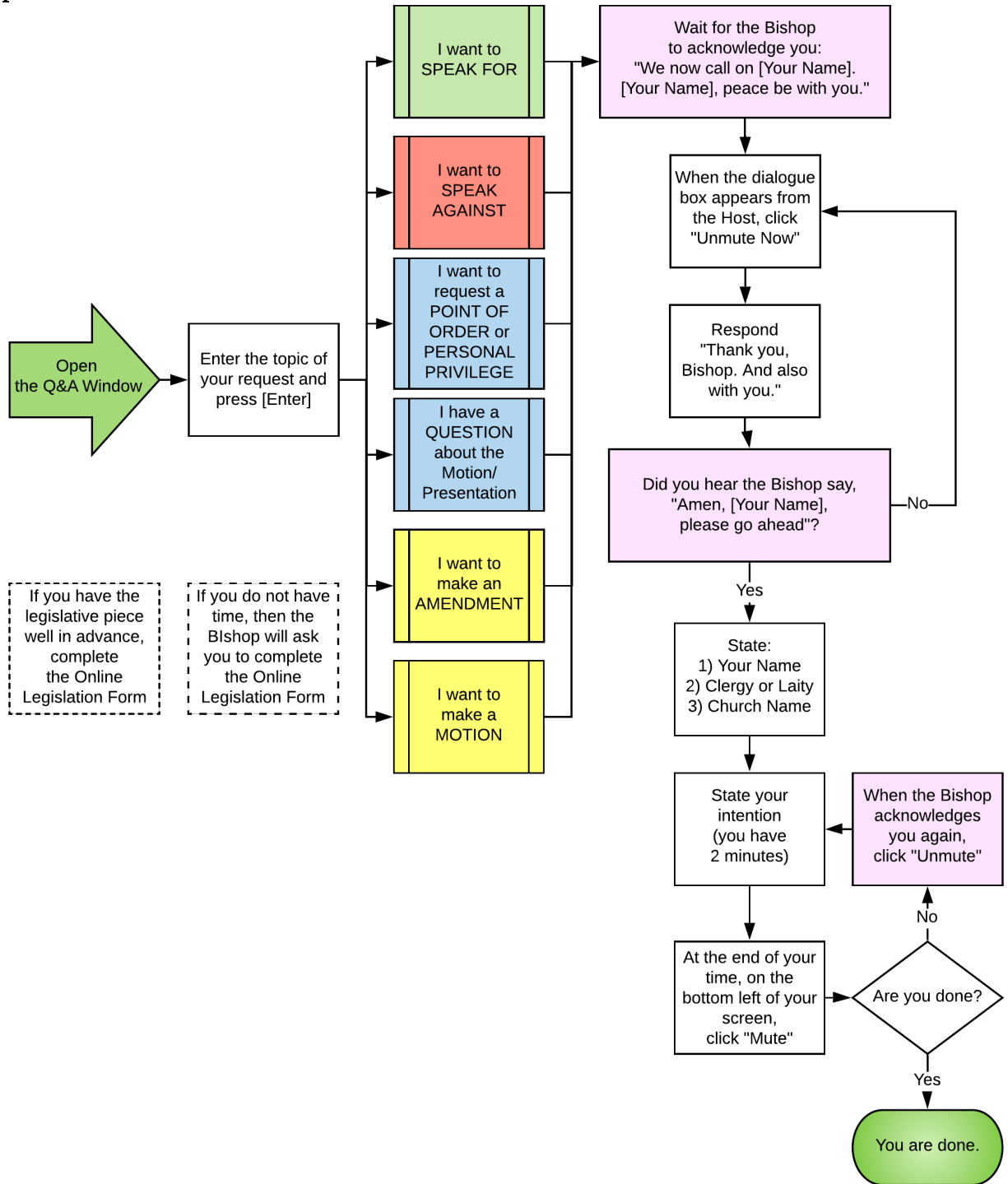
For Business of the Conference or Session - Contact Rev. Bob Rhodes (secretary@calpacumc.org), Conference Secretary.

ATTENDEE ZOOM WEBINAR INSTRUCTIONS

General Questions

For General Questions, simply open the Q&A window and type your question. A Q&A Moderator will help you in the Q&A window.

To Speak on the Floor



Note: During Plenary Sessions, legislation must be received in written form even when moved from the floor. An online form can be found at calpacumc.org/ac2024legislation (distributed to Secretary and UM Daily).

VOTING WITH VPOLL

This year’s Annual Conference Session uses *the same voting platform* (VPOLL) as our previous hybrid Session. This voting platform enables us to accommodate both in-person and online voters. This brief guide is intended to help participants with the voting process.

Before you begin:



Choose ONE device that you will use to vote: a mobile device (smartphone, tablet, etc.), a computer. Only ONE device may be used with your voting credentials. If you try to log-in to VPOLL with multiple devices, your latter devices will not allow you to vote.

Use 1 of 3 ways to get to VPOLL

1. Voting Link (*easiest*)
2. QR Code
3. Web Browser

The Voting Link

1. Go to your email using the device you will use to vote.
2. Click the link found in the appropriate section.

6/12 9:30 AM PDT / 6:30 AM HST	CLERGY EXECUTIVE SESSION	Join the webinar at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/843
		Click here to log in directly to your voting session. Access Code 24ACclergy. Click Join. Enter ID Nu <small>8114444444@gmail.com</small> . Choose your poll
6/12 – 6/15 at various times	PLENARY & WORSHIP SESSIONS. See the Schedule Overview for details.	Access via Zoom is limited to voting members who for online participation. Contact the Registrar at jg@calpacumc.org if you believe this is an error. Please visit www.calpacumc.org
		Click here to log in directly to your voting session. Access Code 24ACSession. Click Join. Enter ID Nu <small>81144444@gmail.com</small> . Choose your poll

The QR Code

1. Take note of the Access Code, ID Number and the email address used when you registered and listed under Membership above.
2. On your mobile device or tablet, use your camera app to scan the QR code shown on the Zoom Webinar screen or on the projected screen in the ballroom.
3. Click the floating button that appears to go to the VPOLL web app.
4. Enter your Access Code and tap Join.
5. Enter your ID Number and Email Address. Then select the Polling Session from the drop-down menu. Then tap Submit. *The ID Number and Email Address must be entered exactly as shown in your confirmation email.*

Web Browser

1. Take note of the Access Code, ID Number and the email address used when you registered and listed under Membership above.
2. On your voting device (mobile device, laptop, etc.) open your web browser. In the website address field, go to <https://vpoll.mobi>.
3. Enter your Access Code and click/tap Join.
4. Enter your ID Number and Email Address. Then select the Polling Session from the drop-down menu. Then click/tap Submit. *These must be entered exactly as shown in your confirmation email.*

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.

Restaurants located across Hollywood Way are west of the Los Angeles Marriot Burbank Airport Hotel.

ON SITE IN THE HOTEL

THE DAILY GRILL

Location: In the Hotel (west end)
 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Hours: 6:30am – 10:00pm daily
 Google Cost Rating: \$\$
 Reservations available through opentable.com
www.dailygrill.com/burbank-ca

E.D.B. (eat.drink.be.)

Location: In the Hotel (terrace)
 Meals: Lunch, Dinner
 Hours: 11:30am – 10:00pm
 Google Cost Rating: \$\$
 Reservations available through opentable.com
www.eatdrinkbeburbank.com/menu

COFFEE BAR

Location: In the Hotel (west tower)
 Meals: Starbucks brand coffee,
 grab-and-go daily

ACROSS HOLLYWOOD WAY (0.2 MILE WALK FROM THE HOTEL)

DENNYS

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Hours: Open 24 hrs/day
 Google Cost Rating: \$
 Diner chain dishing up classic American
 comfort food
www.dennys.com

MCDONALD'S

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Hours: 5:00am – 10:00pm daily
 Google Cost Rating: \$
 Classic fast-food chain known for
 its burgers & fries
www.mcdonalds.com

DEL TACO

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Hours: Open 24 hrs/day
 Google Cost Rating: \$
 Fast food chain for Mexican standards
www.deltaco.com

ACROSS HOLLYWOOD WAY (0.3 MILE WALK FROM THE HOTEL)

STARBUCKS

Meals: Breakfast, Snacks, Coffee
 Hours: 4:30am – 9:00pm Mon-Sat
 Google Cost Rating: \$\$
 Coffeehouse chain known for coffee
www.starbucks.com

PANDA EXPRESS

Meals: Lunch & Dinner
 Hours: 9:30am – 10:30pm daily
 Google Cost Rating: \$
 Fast-food chain known for
 Chinese standards
www.pandaexpress.com

GEORGE'S GREEK CUISINE

Meals: Lunch & Dinner
 Hours: 10:00am – 9:00pm daily
 Google Cost Rating: \$
 Family-owned Greek restaurant since 2000
www.georgesgreekcuisine.com

FISH DISH

Meals: Lunch & Dinner
 Hours: 11:00am – 8:00pm daily
 Google Cost Rating: \$\$
 Casual restaurant serving grilled fish
 caught daily
www.fishdish1.com

SANSAI GRILL BURBANK

Meals: Lunch & Dinner
 Hours: 11:00am – 8:30pm daily
 Google Cost Rating: \$
 Counter-serve chain for health-
 minded Asian fair
www.sansagrillburbank.com

EL POLLO LOCO

Meals: Lunch & Dinner
 Hours: 10:00am – 8:30pm Mon-Fri
 11:00am – 5:00pm Sat-Sun
 Google Cost Rating: \$
 Fast-food outpost known for Mexican classics
www.elpolloloco.com

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 2024 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 VPoll 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 VPoll 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 VPoll 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 Parlor Offices between the Convention Center and hotel lobby.


CONFERENCE INFO, LIVESTREAM, SOCIAL MEDIA

Hotel WIFI Network: AC2024

Password: 24ACSession

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2024 Cal-Pac Legislation Tracking Sheet						
Number	Publication Location	Title of Legislation	Submitted by	Plenary	Plenary Action	
	PR-Prelim Report					
RECOMMENDATIONS						
REC 24-01	PR-50	Pensions 1: Health Care for Active Clergy & Families, Lay Employees	Board of Pension and Health Benefits			
REC 24-02	PR-50	Pensions 3: Clergy Housing Allowance	Board of Pension and Health Benefits			
REC 24-03	PR-51	Pensions 4: Supplement One to CRSP	Board of Pension and Health Benefits			
REC 24-04	PR-51	Advance Specials	JC-EMT			
REC 24-05	PR-52	Strategic Plan for Ministries with Hispanics - Capital Campaign	JC-EMT			
REC 24-06	PR-55	Equitable Compensation Minimum Salary Schedules	Commission on Equitable Compensation			
RESOLUTIONS						
RES 24-01	PR-56	Disabilities and the Ordination Process	JC-EMT, Disability Ministries, individuals			
RES 24-02	PR-56	Resolution to Declare Gun Violence a Public Health Emergency	JC-EMT			
RES 24-03	PR-58	Support of Tourism and Hospitality Workers	JC-EMT			
RES 24-04	PR-59	Support of Living Wages and the Right to Organize	JC-EMT			
RES 24-05	PR-59	Solidarity with Filipino People	JC-EMT, individuals			
RES 24-06	PR-61	Trafficked Workers from the Philippines	JC-EMT, individuals			
RES 24-07	PR-62	Philippines Peace Talks	JC-EMT, individuals			
RES 24-08	PR-63	Hispanic Ministries Sunday	Conference Hispanic Committee, Hispanic Caucus LAMAG, individuals			
RES 24-09	PR-64	Support of LGBTQIA+ People	JC-EMT, individuals			
RES 24-10	PR-66	Covenant to be Good Stewards of Creation	Eco-Justice Strategy Group			
RES 24-11	PR-67	Worldwide Regionalization	Cal-Pac GC 2020 Delegation			
RULES						
RUL 24-01	PR-69	Additional Nominations				
RUL 24-02	PR-69	Committee to Strengthen the Black Church				
RUL 24-03	PR-69	Communications				



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