



I hope your summer is going well. So many things are happening every day around the nation and the world that sometimes even the 24-hour news networks cannot cover all. Similarly, many things have happened to our larger United Methodist Church since May 2016, when we had our quadrennial General Conference in Portland, OR. Following that, in June, our Rocky Mountain Conference had an Annual Conference gathering in Westminster, CO. Then in July, Jurisdictional Conferences were held in various parts of the country. The United Methodist being a connectional church, decisions made during these events have their impact on local churches.

The United Methodist is a global church. The Methodists in Africa, Asia and Europe are organized into seven “central conferences.” In the US, the UMC is divided into five areas known as jurisdictions. We belong to the Western Jurisdiction, which held its quadrennial gathering in July in Scottsdale, AZ. I’d like to share with you some of the decisions or news coming out of the Jurisdictional Conferences. First, episcopal assignments are determined by the Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee every four years. As a result, our bishop, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, has been assigned to serve the Alaska, Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest conferences.

Second, Rev. Dr. Karen Oliveto, who was elected at the last Western jurisdictional conference due to Bishop Warner Brown’s retirement, will be our new bishop. She was elected on the 17th ballot by an overwhelming majority of 88 out of 100 votes. The assignment begins on September 1 of the year.

Third, several historic events took place in this year’s jurisdictional conferences. This year, the United Methodist elected the most women in any new class of bishops in its history. Four jurisdictions elected seven women bishops out of a total of fifteen. These breakthroughs are taking place as we approach the 60th anniversary of the Methodist Church granting full clergy rights to women. Also, Rev. Sharma Lewis was elected to be the first African-American woman to hold an episcopal leadership role in the Southeast Jurisdiction.

Finally, the Western Jurisdiction elected the Rev. Karen Oliveto, who is also the denomination’s first openly gay bishop. She serves as the senior pastor of Glide Memorial UMC in San Francisco, CA, and is married to her long-time partner, Robin Ridenour. Her election is a cause for celebration and joy for many and is seen as a triumph of justice and equality for all God’s children; while for others, it is a cause for worry and concern.

The issue of human sexuality is not new to the United Methodist Church. It has been the most contentious issue for the past several General Conferences. All I can say is that we have come a long way, but we still have miles to go. Let us continue to engage in conversation even as we strive to see God’s kingdom realize on earth.

Shalom – Be Well Always!

Tezenlo Thong, Pastor

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST

We invite you to read and study these passages in preparation for our Worship Services.



August 7 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 14 Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 21 Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 12:10-17

August 28 Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

SPRC

Thank you from the SPRC to all who took the time to submit comments for our staff! We received 12 feedback forms, and it was clear much thought was put into each. We have consolidated the information, and will be sharing it with the respective staff members as they continue to strive to understand and meet Simpson's needs in their respective roles within the church. Highlights will be available to the congregation after all staff has had a chance to review.

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A big THANK YOU to our faithful volunteers Esther Hashiba, Sue Arai, Esther Hashiba and Ruthe Terada for preparing the July Newsletter for mailing on June 28, 2016. Could NOT do it without your help!



Annual Picnic
SUNDAY
JULY 31

Right after church, please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year VBS was a huge success. Our theme was "Surf Shack" and the children were amazing surfers. They danced, crafted, played and did fun science experiments. They learned the story of creation, Moses, the Baptism of Jesus and how Jesus calmed the storm. Every activity they did concentrated on these stories. They learned new wave words and epic ride verses everyday. The children also learned how to say every verse in sign language, it was amazing!

Below are the wave words and epic ride verses.

God Creates— "How majestic is your name throughout the earth." Psalm 8:1b

God Helps— "Your help has made me great." Psalm 18:35b

God Loves— "This is my son whom I dearly love." Matthew 3:17b

God Calms— "The God of Peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9b

A very special thank you to Alicia Swanberg and Tracy Shigio. These two ladies made VBS a great success. They helped serve meals, clean up, and most importantly spread God's messages. Without these ladies I could not have done this.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are excited about and preparing for the 2016-2017 Sunday School year. We would really appreciate some new school supplies to begin the new year. If you are able to help, these are some of the items we would appreciate receiving: crayons, markers, glue sticks, colored pencils, paper, etc.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Brenda Schroder Morris, Children's SS Teacher

2016 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 9, - June 12, 2016

There was another amazing Annual Conference: inspirational, informative, and legislative! There were a dozen ongoing global and local projects/events on the table for action but I will only mention three of them.

+Should the Rocky Mountain Conference (Colorado, Utah, Wyoming) merge with the ailing Yellowstone Conference (Montana, Wyoming, Idaho)? Bigger is not always better and how many people would be able to travel six hours for a three hour meeting? Including the return trip, this would be a fifteen hour day. However, with modern technology, many professionals keep in touch with their constituents hour by hour, day by day from home electronically. The thoroughness of the procedure to determine if a merger is feasible is impressive: all the Churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference were able to vote; the Churches in the Yellowstone Conference will also be able to vote. This process will take four years. I worked in Wyoming; I drove to all the major towns; I drove for hours and hours and saw miles of plains and prairies. I voted "no" on this proposal.

+Want to see a medical miracle performed for \$35? You would be proud of the Methodist Church organization for what I am about to mention. In Haiti, people drink dirty contaminated water resulting in stomach pain, children missing school, and husbands unable to work. One out of seventy five people can expect to be dead in two years because of water born diseases. Enter "The Clean Water Ministries" and the Broomfield United Methodist Church. With a \$35.00 water filter from Cabelas attached to a tube and water bucket, a family of four can expect to have clean drinking water that is 99.9998% pure for seven years. Because of what the Broomfield UMC has started, three Rotary Clubs and a Denver corporation have asked to join this ministry.

+The third event that stands out in my mind is Bishop Elaine Stanovsky blessing an Iraqi refugee by washing his feet and his wife's feet. The Bishop was emotional and there were not many dry eyes in the audience. His name is Altaee Raad and his wife's name is Hussin Shaima. He was an interpreter for our troops in Iraq and he succeeded in escaping to America and making his home in Denver. After their feet were washed, all of us at the Conference got our hands washed. Do you want them to speak at our Church? They said they would be happy to and I have their contact information.

This four-day Conference was another "Oh My Gosh" experience!. There were approximately 750 people in attendance from three states. I am inviting anybody to consider being the Lay Delegate to the 2017 Annual Conference next June 15-18 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Hayashi

IN MEMORY OF:

Ted Hada
 Tom Ida
 Dan Iritani
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 Isamu Oki
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Bazaar: Mary Nishiyama **Boiler:** Julia Kamura Donation from Nichigo

Imagine No Malaria: Grace Tochiara **Newsletter:** Grace Ito

***OUR CARE CORNER***

The families of: Dan Iritani, Ruth Yamauchi and
 Norman Hashimoto

Others to be Held in Prayer:

Masa Nishimura, Miyoko Wells, & Helen Goto

JAPANESE ELDER WELLNESS GROUP

The Japanese Elder Wellness Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Simpson from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. We have a light lunch, exercise, music, games and a time for community. It is always fun to see old friends and to meet new ones, please invite your friends to come join us. Hope to see you there!

SIMPSON'S INAUGURAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

We would like to thank the Golf Committee for their many months of hard work in planning a successful golf tournament. It was held at Indian tree Golf Course on June 25th. The weather was perfect and the fifty golfers enjoyed their golf, lunch, awards, and drawing for prizes.

We also want to thank the volunteers who arrived early in the morning to work.

Golf Committee

Ruby Hada	Ron "Eiji" Ida	Warren Ida
Dennis Kitayama	Cindy Kondo	Kyle Nagai
Ken Namba	Todd Namba	Alben Sakaguchi
Chen Wu		

Volunteers

Terri Dirks	Carol FitzSimons	Owen FitzSimons
Bob Fujioka	Jane Fujioka	Allyson Gogo
Shizuko Green	Julia Kamura	Ann Kitayama
Jane Nakama	Janet Sasa	Leslie Sasa
Mike Shibata	Rev. Matt Snider	Grace Tochihara

Simpson is very thankful for the many donors who were so generous with their monetary donations as well as their gifts, purchasing holes and contributing gifts for the drawing.

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Simpson United Methodist Church Japanese Language Classes for Adults

2016 Fall semester (18 sessions) will start from August 13th. Registration Forms are due August 1.

New beginner class will open from 2016 fall Semester.

Classes are held on Saturday mornings.

Beginner I	9:00am ~ 10:00am
Advanced	10:00am ~ 11:00am
Intermediate	11:00am ~ 12:00pm

Fees:	\$75 church members
	\$100 all others

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Saturday SEPT 10 2016 1:30PM

CHECK-IN STARTS @ 12:00PM

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Golf Tournament

\$50 PER PLAYER

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Includes dinner for the player and one family member.
Dinner is \$15 additional per person.

Join us for a day of

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with family, friends, associates, and sponsors!

Up to \$2,500 worth in prizes and memorabilia

All participants will have a chance to win prizes, regardless of skill level! Kids and all family members that have ever played golf are encouraged to play and have fun.*

**We are relying on Hole Sponsors and Tournament Sponsors
to pay for dinner expenses, prizes, and beverages.****

We are asking for \$300/Hole Sponsors and \$600/Tournament Sponsors. Prize sponsors are also encouraged to participate. Contact Bob Fujimoto at (303) 667-9936 for details.

Registration for golfers opens July 1st.

Visit www.sakurafoundation.org to download registration form. Registration form and payment for a four-some must be received to complete the registration process, which is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Questions? Contact Stacey Shigaya or Justin Valas
at (303) 951-4486 or info@sakurafoundation.org.**



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*Slow players may need to skip holes to keep the pace of play on schedule.

**Any excess funds will be used for other 100th year celebration events.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 10:00 am Staff Mtg.	5	6 9:00 am Talko, Yoga
7 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE COMMUNION 11:00 am - Knit & Crochet	8 10:00 am Ukulele	9 7:00pm Yoga	10	11 10:00 am Staff Mtg.	12	13 9:00 am Talko Yoga Japanese Language Fall Class Begins
14 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am - Trustees O.N.E.	15	16 7:00pm Yoga	17	18 10:00 am Staff Mtg	19	20 9:00 am Japanese Language Class Talko Yoga
10:00am WORSHIPSERVICESS 11:00 am - Knit & Crochet 11:00 am - Retreat Cmte. meets in Sanctuary	22 10:00 am Ukulele	23 9:00 am - Assemble Newsletter	24 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Japanese Elder Wellness Group	25 10:00 am Staff Mtg	26	27 9:00 am Japanese Language Talko Yoga 5:30 am - 3:30 pm JAACL Festival - Kitchen/ FH
28 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICESS 11:00 am - SPRC/Mem Lnge.	29	30 7:00pm Yoga	31 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Ad Council			

LITURGISTS

August 7 Allyson Goto
August 14 Mas Nonaka
August 21 None
August 28 Terry Hall

GROCERY CERTIFICATES

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Honoring our Elders

Will be held on September 11, 2016 after worship service. We will honor our elders, 80+ young, with food, favors and entertainment. This will be a potluck luncheon and we ask that friends and members with last names beginning with A through M bring main dishes and N through Z bring salads or side dishes. Dessert and drinks will be furnished by the church.

Hope to see you all at the luncheon!