



Pacific Beach  
United Methodist Church

# BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

July 2019

## 2019 California-Pacific Annual Conference

The theme of the 2019 California-Pacific Annual Conference (Cal-Pac) was, *"I See a New Church,"* based on Isaiah 43:16-21. We approved most of the legislative items that were presented on the consent calendar.

Resolutions 19-13 "Do No Harm Each Other..." and 19-14 "Preparing for Amicable Separation..." did not receive the 80% approval needed to be placed on the consent calendar. When these items reached the open floor, 19-13 was ruled out of order by the Bishop; 19-14 was referred to committee, and newer item, 19-24 was referred to the staff relations committee due to its financial implications to an already approved budget.

Delegates were elected to the 2020 general and jurisdictional conferences. This year Cal-Pac used electronic voting devices which sped up the voting process, as we were able to see the results with each round of voting much faster. Each delegate needed 50%<sup>1</sup> of the votes to be elected. The same voting devices were used to get a sense of where our annual conference stood regarding the ruling that approved the Traditional Plan, and where the United Methodist Church should be heading.

This 2019 Cal-Pac conference was held in the aftermath of the February 2019 Special General Conference ruling, and the major concern and feelings at this conference were, "Where we go from here?" There were planned discussion groups centered around the issues concerning the New Church and where do we go, moving forward. During some of the discussion groups, we were able to share our own thoughts and concerns as well as discuss what we think the "New Church" should look like. We also, as a group, answered a series of five survey questions using the electronic devices. The majority of those attending this conference strongly agree, hoping our conference and our jurisdiction can create something like the One Church Plan. The majority also were not in favor of upholding measures expressed in the Traditional Plan, and felt that human sexuality is critically important, and that we should place equal emphasis on poverty, racism, and immigration. Regarding the statement, "I believe that we should stay within the UMC connection and continue to resist and reform," the body of the conference was split at the polar ends of strongly agree and strongly disagree. The majority of the churches are not actively considering disaffiliation and connecting with a different denomination or continuing as an independent congregation. The survey was presented just to get a sense of the temperament of the large gathering in the Chapel.

The Bishop has charged each congregation to take time to discuss what they think the New Church should be. During the discussion groups of which I took part at the conference, we felt the new church should be one that is inclusive, and filled with compassion. The information that was shared at the annual conference was recorded, and will eventually be coded and shared. Moving forward, there will be an opportunity for everyone to share their thoughts and feelings regarding the new church. This will be done in part by creating Listening Post discussion groups throughout our connection. It is vital that everyone take part in these types of discussions. And if PB UMC is asked to host one of these group discussion events, our answer already is **"Yes We Will!!!"** We should be willing to share our thoughts as well as listen to others who have a different perspective.

Kenneth B., PB UMC Lay Leader

# A Glimpse of Cal-Pac 2019



## Our Attendees

Left photo: Pastor Bob, Conference Secretary; Cameron, District Youth Delegate and media team volunteer; Sonja, District Youth Delegate; Anastasia, media team volunteer; Adam, PB voting Delegate; Ken, PB voting Delegate; (Pastor April, sharing her continued love for PB folks); Dee, media team volunteer and youth chaperone.

Right photo: Pastor Christopher

Not pictured: David DeB., District Delegate.



As well as serving as a voting Youth Delegate, Cameron helped on the media team.



Our Young People with District Superintendent John Farley.



Pastor Bob in Robe, ready for Ordination Service.



Zach reading scripture during the closing worship at Annual Conference.



Youth Delegate Sonja making a motion to close Cal-Pac Annual Conference Session 2019.

Photos by Dee B. and Adam M-L.

## ***We Care for One Another***

### **Did You Know?**

**F**irst UMC of San Diego operates a thrift store located along the popular antique shop corridor in the Normal Heights neighborhood of San Diego, at 3186 Adams Avenue, San Diego, CA, 92116.



If you or your friends have gently used items needing good homes, (i.e., clothing, small furniture, home decor, books), please contact the new Thrift Store Manager, Brenda B., at 619-528-0026.

Proceeds from the store support several ministries of First UMC of San Diego. Your donations of unique items will contribute to the store's success, and will generate income for the church's ministries including Showers of Blessings, Cherokee Point Elementary School Outreach, and Shoes That Fit.

For more information, see <https://www.fumcsd.org/connect/missions/mission-outreach-thrift-store>.



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

**S**tephen Ministry, founded in 1975, is offered in more than 170 Christian denominations, across the U.S. and Canada, and in 30 other countries.

Volunteers are trained with essential caring and relating skills. They learn how to listen to, care for, and walk with those going through difficult times in life such as illness, death of a loved one, divorce, relocation, or financial setback.

After training, Stephen Ministers usually provide care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. The relationship between a care receiver and a Stephen Minister is confidential.

Our own Jesse H. is trained to instruct others in this service. You can reach him at [jesseh@pbumc.org](mailto:jesseh@pbumc.org).

### **In Memoriam**

**M**embers and friends of PB UMC share profound sadness at the passing of office administrator Aimee Kay on June 10, 2019. Aimee joined our staff in September, 2003, and was respected for her compassion and leadership with other staff, church volunteers, Project Grace volunteers, and many outside contacts.

Aimee was a proud Navy veteran, and a tireless volunteer at the Maritime Museum of San Diego. She is survived by her husband, Paul, two sisters, and her beloved stepfather.

Aimee's ashes are to be scattered at sea from the Schooner Californian, and there will be a Celebration of Life in Santee on August 9, 2019.



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# ***We Grow in Grace & Faith***



## **July Youth Ministry Activities**

**F**or more information about youth Ministries events or the program in general, please contact Dee Baraw: [deeb@pbumc.org](mailto:deeb@pbumc.org).

Note: You can still register for camp at [www.campcedarglen.org](http://www.campcedarglen.org).

### Monday, July 1

District Youth Aquatica Trip. For Middle School and High School Youth. Talk to Dee if others want to join. Happy Birthday, Dee!

### Tuesday, July 2

9:15 am-4:00 pm, San Diego Botanical Gardens. Meet at PB UMC. Bring a sack lunch and a bottle of water. Please bring photo ID if you have one, or a student ID. Free first Tuesdays.

### Thursday, July 4

No District Youth event. Enjoy the day with your family.

### Sunday, July 7

10:00 am, Outdoor Church, followed by all church potluck. Youth volunteers to set up and clean up are wanted.

### Sunday, July 7-13

District Junior High Camp.

### Tuesday July 9

10:00 am-3:00 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and up. Waterfront Park with Dee. Bring a lunch; towel; dry clothes; swim suit or clothes to get wet; dry shoes and some that can get wet.

### Thursday, July 11

9:30 am-3:00 pm, District Beach Day at La Jolla Shores. Bring a lunch or money for lunch, and beach supplies.

### Saturday, July 13

Pride Parade.

### Sunday, July 14-21

Senior High Camp at Cedar Glen.

### Tuesday, July 16

Balboa Park Outing. Japanese Friendship Garden, etc. Bring a lunch and water. Families/all welcome. Contact Dee to coordinate meeting up.

### Thursday, July 18

9:30 am-3:00 pm District Beach Day at La Jolla Shores. Bring a lunch or money for lunch, and beach supplies.

### Monday, July 22-26

Vacation Bible School at La Jolla UMC. Youth Volunteers needed. Children need to register.

### Thursday, July 25

We will join the District Day at the Beach after VBS.

### Saturday, July 27-Sunday, August 4

Dee will be with our group at SSP.

## **Vacation Bible School**



**F**amilies, please consider signing up for VBS.

We are collaborating with La Jolla UMC.

When: July 22 - 26 from 9 - noon.

(Contact Dee B directly if you would need extended hours. She might be able to work that out for you.)

Where: La Jolla UMC, 6063 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla, CA 92037

Theme: Learn about where God's power can take YOU as we go To Mars and Beyond!

Registration / Cost: We have a special price, please email [deeb@pbumc.org](mailto:deeb@pbumc.org).

## ***We Reach Out to Others***



### **Youthful Perspectives 2019 Cal-Pac Annual Conference**

**A**nnual Conference has been a life-changing experience that has inspired me to become more involved in ministry and represent youth voices in an evolving church. The dialogues and legislation I was able to be a part of are signs that we are moving towards a future where everyone feels accepted and affirmed. I learned that we are speaking not to put parameters on who people are supposed to love, but rather to expand upon the definitions of what love looks like.

Sonya C.

**A**nnual Conference was a very impactful week for me. I have learned more about the church and its decisions throughout the course of its life, but also its impact in my life. I have made many new friends, and I also was re-introduced to some old ones. The new experiences of voting and conversing with people, some who have the same beliefs as I, and some who don't, and the fun activities and music incorporated into the services and into the time outside of service. I have found this week that all the people trying their best to be as accepting as possible while following their beliefs is a good way to help stretch your own idea of acceptance and still follow what you believe.

Cameron R.



### **CCSA Back to School Program**

**D**onations of filled backpacks will be accepted at the Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA) Clairemont office Monday July 1 through Friday August 23. Please begin to plan your backpack donations for our low-income children in the community. You can also drop off items for backpacks in the entry-way to the PB UMC sanctuary through Sunday, August 17.

Your donations provide much-needed items to begin the school year in September. For specifics on the donations, go to <http://www.ccsasandiego.org/projects/back-to-school-program>. Please note the grade levels for items needed. We'll also post itemized fliers in the sanctuary entry. Watch for deep discounts on school supplies at big box and office supply stores. Typically, backpacks are discounted later in the collection period. In 2018, our church collected 10 filled backpacks plus additional school supplies.

# Circle of Support

## May 2019 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
May giving	\$21,456	\$16,895
May other sources of income	\$9,755	\$8,402
May total available for ministry	\$31,211	\$25,297
May expended in ministry	\$34,291	\$35,578
May income minus expenses	(\$3,080)	(\$10,281)
YTD giving	\$107,280	\$96,722
YTD other sources of income	\$60,605	\$44,469
YTD total available for ministry	\$167,885	\$141,191
YTD expended in ministry	\$178,454	\$179,340
YTD income minus expenses	(\$10,569)	(\$38,149)
Year 2019 budget	\$415,890	

## Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

Although expenses are nearly within budget, we continue to see shortfalls in year-to-date giving, rental income, and donations for Project Grace. The house is rented, so we expect no more reduction in rental income going forward. The budget includes a contribution for Project Grace from the Steve Frank/Russ Gooden Legacy of Love, which has not been booked yet though the money has been received. This will help, but will not make up the entire deficit. We continue to hope for more giving income. In July, the team will assess our financial status when we have a half year of data.

## July Communion Offering: Reconciling Ministries

Reconciling Ministries encourages United Methodist Churches and communities to be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. PB UMC is a Reconciling Congregation, and has been since the mid 1990s. The number of such churches and communities is growing.

Each year we receive one special communion thank offering in support of the national and global advocacy and education work carried out by the Reconciling Ministries Network. To learn more about Reconciling Ministries, visit [www.rmnetwork.org](http://www.rmnetwork.org).



Our 2018 Pride Float

Photo by Rose V.

## Pride Parade

PB UMC has a long history of sharing its message of welcome and inclusion with the broader LGBTQ community through participation in San Diego Pride. The message is especially important this year! Louis P. is spearheading the design and building of another fabulous float for the Pride Parade on Saturday, July 13. Mark B. and Rose V. are coordinating our booth at the Pride Festival July 13-14. We'll need people to help build the float, people to walk or ride in the parade, and people to staff the festival booth. Our quilters are busy making the popular rainbow ribbon crosses to hand out at the booth. Join us to have some fun and share the good news of God's love! Watch for our SignupGenius links coming soon or email [pride@pbumc.org](mailto:pride@pbumc.org) to get involved.

### CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes  
Sojourning Pastor: The Rev Christopher Carter, PhD  
Office Administrator:

Music Director: Ron Jessee  
Sunday School Coordinator: Malea Sandstrom  
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Dee Baraw

# Calendar of Events

## Worship Times:

9:00 am, Worship Celebration

10:30 am, Worship Celebration

Sunday Music Rehearsals:  
8 am, Voices of Praise  
(Adults & Youth)  
10 am, Grace Notes

## Week 1

- Mon, July 1 District Youth Trip (p.4)  
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, July 2 Youth at Botanical Gardens (p.4)
- Wed, July 3 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
7:30 pm, Nepal Missionary at LJ UMC
- Thurs, July 4 Independence Day
- Fri, July 5 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
- Sat, July 6 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters



Children In Ministry June 2, 2019

Photo by Betty J.

## Week 2

- Sun, July 7 10:00 am Worship— Outdoor Church  
All Church Potluck  
Middle School Youth Camp Begins
- Mon, July 8 5:30 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study  
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, July 9 10:00 am, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade+ at Waterfront  
Park (p.4)  
6:00 pm, Staff - Parish Telecon meeting  
6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
- Wed, July 10 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, July 11 9:30 am, Youth District Beach Day (p.4)  
7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
- Fri, July 12 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
- Sat, July 13 Pride Parade

## Week 3

- Sun, July 14 Worship  
Senior High Camp Begins at Cedar Glen
- Mon, July 15 6:00 pm, Al-Anon  
6:30 pm, Finance Committee
- Tues, July 16 Youth Balboa Park Outing (p.4)
- Wed, July 17 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
- Thurs, July 18 9:30 am, Youth District Beach Day (p.4)  
7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
- Fri, July 19 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
- Sat, July 20 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters

## Week 4

- Sun, July 21 Worship
- Mon, July 22 August *Beach Breeze* Deadline  
Vacation Bible School at LJ UMC (p.4)  
5:30 pm, Scripture & Sermon Study  
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Tues, July 23 7:00 pm, Growing In Faith Committee
- Wed, July 24 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace  
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
- Thurs, July 25 Youth District Beach Day  
After VBS (p.4)  
7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
- Fri, July 26 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
- Sat., July 27-Aug 4 Sierra Service Project (p.4)



Confirmation Class June 9, 2019

Photo by Dee B.

## Week 5

- Sun, July 28 Worship
- Mon, July 29 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
- Wed, July 31 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study  
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace



Photos by Dee B. and Adam M-L.

PB UMC Annual Conference Attendees  
(Not shown: David DeB.)

# ***We Love and Worship God***

## **July Scriptures**

### **Series: "Our Baptismal Vows"**

**July 7, 2019**

"Gifts & Service"

Luke 16:1-8

### **Series: "Defiance: Challenging the Norm"**

**July 21, 2019**

"A Sinner's Party"

Mark 2:13-17

**July 28, 2019**

"The Other Side"

Mark 4:35-41

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## **Meet Techie Carmen G.**

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

**I** recently met Carmen G., a new member of our TechArts Team.

Carmen told me she used to live in Boston, and moved to San Diego about two years ago. She got a place in Pacific Beach and right away enjoyed the neighborhood. Of course, part of the reason for that was the weather. "I walked around the neighborhood and got to know it pretty well. Several times I walked by PB UMC, and then one time I saw Wednesday night Project Grace folks standing outside the church. I talked to someone who told me about our outreach to the homeless. I was raised as a Methodist and was looking for a church. Suddenly PB UMC seemed like the perfect one! And, it certainly has been!"

I asked her how she became involved aiding in the church service. She told me, "One Sunday a little over a month ago, Joe asked me if I might want to join his TechArts team, and I said yes. I saw it as something I could do, especially since I was going to be at church anyway. I work the slide projection, following the order of service and making sure the slides match up to the service. I enjoy the task. It makes me feel like a part of the church service."

When I asked her if she had anything else she'd like to share with us, she told me, "I'm in the process of job hunting and learning about San Diego. I am loving our wonderful weather here." I was quick to tell her this had been one of our coldest and wettest springs in a long time. She just smiled.

Carmen and I enjoyed getting to know each other, and it pleased me that Such a new member was already making significant contributions to our Sunday services.

