

**Minutes of the
Forty-First Annual District Conference
Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren**

October 29-31, 2004

Pomona, California

The Pacific Southwest District supports the life, growth, and witness of Church of the Brethren congregations within its boundaries for the building up of the body of Christ, through nurturing its congregations toward healing and wholeness, consciously lifting up joys and sharing in pains of its members and congregations, building inter-congregational and denominational relationships, within the faithful witness of Scripture, recognizing that the statements of Annual Conference reflect the consensus of our larger community of faith.

*(Some Scriptures that undergird and direct the above thinking are: Ephesians 4:11-16; Galatians 6:1-10; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12, Matthew 5-7; Luke 15; and John 15.)
Mission Statement from District Conference, 1996*

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was opened with singing. Moderator, David Hurlbut, called the 41st district conference to order. Following an opening prayer, David made introductory remarks. He thanked the Pomona Fellowship congregation for hosting the conference. David introduced those sitting at the table on the platform.
- II. Roll Call of Churches and Delegates: The Clerk, Doris Dunham, and Moderator-elect, Jan Thompson, called the roll of churches and delegates. Eighty-seven delegates were present, representing twenty-four congregations. A quorum was declared to be present. (See attached chart.)

Code	Section	Church	Total Possible Delegates	Roll Call
32-010	CC	Bakersfield	4	4
32-140	SW	Bella Vista (LA)	4	1
32-145	SW	Central Evangelical (LA)	4	0
32-025	CC	Church of the Living Savior (McFarland)	4	4
32-028	AZ	Circle of Peace (AZ)	4	4
32-032	CC	Community Brethren Church (Fresno)	6	3
32-036	AZ	Community Church (Mesa, AZ) <i>(last service 9/26/2004)</i>	4	0
32-270	CC	Cornerstone Community (Reedley)	4	0
32-040	NC	Empire	4	4
32-045	NC	Fellowship in Christ (Fremont)	4	4
32-070	SW	Glendale	4	4
32-080	SE	Glendora	4	4
32-083	SW	Iglesia de Christo Genesis (LA)	4	1
32-150	SW	Imperial Heights (LA)	4	4
32-090	CC	Laton	4	4
32-100	SE	La Verne	6	6
32-110	CC	Lindsay	4	0
32-120	NC	Live Oak	4	4
32-109	NC	Modesto	5	5

	Code	Section	Church	Total Possible Delegates	Roll Call
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2	32-200	SW	Panorama City	4	0
3	32-205	AZ	Papago Buttes (AZ)	4	4
4	32-210	NC	Paradise	4	0
5	32-220	SW	Pasadena	4	3
6	32-250	SE	Pomona Fellowship	4	4
7	32-290	NC	Prince of Peace (Sacramento)	4	4
8	32-322	SE	Principe de Paz (Santa Ana)	4	4
9	32-300	SE	San Diego First	4	4
10	32-330	SW	South Bay (Redondo Beach)	4	2
11	32-340	AZ	Tucson	4	4
12	32-350	NC	Waterford	4	2
13			Totals:	125	87

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- 15 III. The Litany for the Dedication of Delegates (p. viii in the Business Book) was led by the Moderator.
- 16 The hymn, "*A charge to keep I have*" was sung following the litany.
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- 18 IV. The Annual Conference Moderator, Jim Hardenbrook, was introduced. He brought greetings from
- 19 the denomination and spoke briefly. Annual Conference will be held July 2-6, 2005, in Peoria, IL.
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- 21 V. Appointments: David named persons appointed to various tasks. Time keeper: Marlin Heckman;
- 22 Parliamentarian, Vera Mae Gephart; Head Teller, Pat Royer; Teller, Lucile Leard; and Teller,
- 23 Marvin Belcher; Convener to approve minutes, Kathy Price; member to approve minutes, Boyce
- 24 Lutes; and member to approve minutes, Lucile Leard.
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- 26 VI. Agenda: The Agenda (pp. iv-v of the Business Book) was approved as printed.
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- 28 VII. 2003 Minutes: Marvin Belcher reported that the minutes of the 2003 district conference (p. 52 of
- 29 the Business Book) are correct and are approved.
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- 31 VIII. Election: Nominating Committee: John Price reported for the Nominating Committee (p. 10). The
- 32 ballot was presented (p. 46 of the Business Book) with one correction. He introduced those persons
- 33 on the ballot who were present. The ballots were distributed to the delegates and instructions for
- 34 balloting were given. Following prayer, delegates cast their ballots. Results of balloting:
- 35 A. Moderator-elect, Joseph J. Schechter, La Verne, CA
- 36 B. Nominating Committee, Bernice Pence, La Verne, CA
- 37 C. District Conference Program Committee, Sara Haldeman-Scarr, Pomona Fellowship, CA
- 38 D. Camp La Verne Trustee Nominees, Chuck Price, Glendale, CA
- 39 E. Hillcrest Homes Board Nominees:
- 40 1. Richard Hart, Pomona Fellowship, CA
- 41 2. Mary Kay Ogden, La Verne, CA
- 42 F. District Board of Administration:
- 43 1. So CA East Representative, Mercedes Zapata, Principe de Paz, Santa Ana, CA
- 44 2. So. CA West Representative, Cady Laycook, South Bay, Redondo Beach, CA
- 45 3. At-Large Representative, Milton H. Ewert, Modesto, CA
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- 1 4. At-Large Representative, Juanita Lapp, La Verne, CA
- 2 5. At-Large Representative, Paul Lovelace, Pomona Fellowship, CA
- 3 6. At-Large Representative, Letha Miller Ressler, La Verne, CA
- 4 7. At-Large Representative (1-year term, filling an unexpired vacancy), Martha Y. Snyder,
- 5 Tucson, AZ

7 IX. Report of the District Executive Minister: Bryan Boyer’s written report appears on pp. 4-5 in the
 8 Business Book. He made additional remarks regarding events that have occurred since the book was
 9 printed. He shared, in general, dreams and hopes for the future of the district. He introduced Robert
 10 Varnam, pastor of Papago Buttes Church of the Brethren. He introduced and recognized Gene
 11 Hipskind, retired Executive Minister. Bryan presented certificates recognizing ministry milestones
 12 to those ministers present.

13 70 Years	50 Years	30 Years
14 S. Loren Bowman	David A. Border	Lila E. McCray
15 65 Years	40 Years	25 Years
16 Ward E. Pratt	Charles L. Boyer	Jeffrey E. Glass
17 55 Years	Gerald L. Moore	
18 Gene Palsgrove		
19 Deceased Ministers: Merlin L. Clark (11/18/03) J. Calvin Hill (12/21/03)		

21 X. Introduction of New Business Items:
 22 A. Query from Glendale Church of the Brethren: Tom Leard-Longenecker presented the
 23 concerns of the query. Paul Lovelace, Board Chair made additional remarks. Discussion,
 24 questions, and responses followed. A break-out session was scheduled for further discussion.
 25 The motion from the PSWD board is found on p. 59 of the Business Book. *Adopted.*

27 B. 2005 Budget: Bill Johnson, Stewards Chair presented the budget, found on pp. 56-58 in the
 28 Business Book. Discussion, questions, and responses followed. A break-out session was
 29 scheduled for further discussion. *Adopted.*

31 C. Changing the Constitution and By-laws: Paul Lovelace, Board Chair, presented the proposed
 32 changes found on pp. 63-77 of the Business book. Discussion, questions, and responses
 33 followed. A *motion* was made related to lines 9, 10, and 11 on page 68 to read “Nominating
 34 Committee presents to the District Conference a ballot for each vacancy within the following
 35 positions:...” and that the term slate be removed in other places where it occurs. M/s/c: John
 36 Cosner/Don Davis. A break-out session was scheduled for further discussion. *Adopted.*

38 XI. Report from PSWD Disaster Response Coordinator: Milton Ewert, Coordinator, reported on the
 39 needs and services of the past year. He presented certificates of appreciation to those persons who
 40 had responded to the clean-up efforts on the Cedar Fire in San Diego.

42 XII. Resolution on Iraq: Art Crane, Chairperson of the Church Life Commission, presented the Annual
 43 Conference Resolution (2004) for adoption by conference. (found on p. 60 of the Business Book)
 44 *Adopted*

1 XIII. Program Committee Report: Vera Mae Gephart reported for the Program Committee. The written
 2 report is found on p. 10 of the Business Book. District Conference will be held October 7-9, 2005
 3 in Modesto, CA. Conference in 2006 will be hosted by the Papago Buttes, AZ, congregation.
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5 XIV. Acceptance of Reports: The Moderator ordered that without objection all reports are accepted.
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7 XV. Moderator’s Remarks: David reported that he has visited at least two-thirds of the congregations
 8 of the district during the past year. He has found things that are exciting and things that are
 9 uncomfortable. He expressed his gratitude for the support he has received. A plaque of appreciation
 10 was presented to David by R. Jan Thompson, incoming Moderator. David presented the Moderator’s
 11 gavel to Jan.
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13 XVI. Closing: Moderator, R. Jan Thompson closed the meeting with a benediction.
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 16 The minutes were recorded by Doris H. Dunham, PSWD Clerk.
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 20 The Committee consisting of: Boyce Lutes, Lucile Leard and Convener, Kathy Price have read the
 21 minutes of the 2004 District Conference. We declare the minutes of the 2004 District Conference,
 22 approved and correct as submitted.
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24 Kathy Price,
 25 Committee Convener
 26 1/12/2005
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