



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

October 7-9, 2005

Modesto, 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 and prayer.

II. Announcements, Appointments, and Introductions of Special Guests: Timekeeper: Mike Martin; Parliamentarian, Vera Mae Gephart; Translator: Manuel Vasquez.; Head Teller: David Hurlbut; Jean Davidson, Norma Lutes, Dennis Peterson; Minutes: Barbara Ober, Sandi Boeger, and Pauline Fillmore

III. Roll Call: 26 churches were represented by 86 delegates. A quorum was declared to be present.

Code	Section	Church	Present	Total Possible Delegates	Roll Call
32-010	CC	Bakersfield	Yes	4	4
32-140	SW	Bella Vista (LA)	Yes	4	4
32-145	SW	Central Evangelical (LA)	—	4	0
32-025	CC	Church of the Living Savior (McFarland)	Yes	4	1
32-028	AZ	Circle of Peace (AZ)	Yes	4	2
32-032	CC	Community Brethren Church (Fresno)	Yes	6	6
32-036	AZ	Community Church Fellowship (Mesa, AZ) <small>(last service 9/26/2004)</small>	Yes	4	0
32-270	CC	Cornerstone Community (Reedley)	—	4	0
32-040	NC	Empire	Yes	4	4
32-045	NC	Fellowship in Christ (Fremont)	Yes	4	4
32-070	SW	Glendale	Yes	4	3
32-080	SE	Glendora	Yes	4	3
32-083	SW	Iglesia de Christo Genesis (LA)	Yes	4	3
32-150	SW	Imperial Heights (LA)	Yes	4	4
32-090	CC	Laton	—	4	0
32-100	SE	La Verne	Yes	6	6
32-110	CC	Lindsay	Yes	4	3
32-120	NC	Live Oak	Yes	4	4
32-109	NC	Modesto	Yes	5	5
32-200	SW	Panorama City	—	4	0
32-205	AZ	Papago Buttes (AZ)	Yes	4	4
32-210	NC	Paradise	Yes	4	1
32-220	SW	Pasadena	Yes	4	3



	Code	Section	Church	Present	Total Possible Delegates	Roll Call
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2	32-250	SE	Pomona Fellowship	Yes	4	4
3	32-290	NC	Prince of Peace (Sacramento)	Yes	4	4
4	32-322	SE	Príncipe de Paz (Santa Ana)	Yes	4	3
5	32-300	SE	San Diego First	Yes	4	4
6	32-330	SW	South Bay (Redondo Beach)	Yes	4	1
7	32-340	AZ	Tucson	Yes	4	3
8	32-350	NC	Waterford	Yes	4	3
9				Totals:	26	125
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11 IV. Delegate Dedication (p. vii Business book [all page numbers refer to the Business Book hereafter])

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13 V. Adoption of Agenda: *Approved*

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15 VI. Report on approval of minutes of 2004 District Conference: Lucile Leard reported that the
16 committee reviewed the minutes of the 2004 conference and found them to be accurate. (pp 53-56).

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18 VII. New Business Item: Recommendation from PSWD Board: (p 62) Article II, J, 3. Add Alternate
19 Standing Committee Delegate as a separate position on the ballot. *Adopted.*

21 Article II, J, 3. ...When an alternate Standing Committee delegate takes the place of a regular
22 delegate, the alternate shall continue to serve the remainder of the term in order to provide
23 continuity. The alternate(s) will be elected.

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25 VIII. New Business Item: Recommendation from PSWD Board: (p. 62) Article II, H Quorum: to
26 change the quorum figures to fifty percent. *Adopted.*

28 Article II, H. Quorum. A quorum consists of fifty percent of the total elected delegates
29 representing fifty percent of the churches of the District. The condition of a quorum are met if at
30 least fifty percent of the churches of the District are represented and at least fifty percent of the
31 delegates of those churches are represented.

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33 IX. Nominating Committee Report and presentation of Ballot: Pat Royer reported for the committee.
34 (p. 10 and pp 47-52 [with the addition of the name of Jennifer Scarr for Youth/Young Adult
35 Member of the District Board]). Pat introduced those persons on the ballot who were present.
36 *The ballot was accepted as presented.* Results of balloting:

- 37 A. Moderator-elect, Mary Kay Ogden, La Verne, CA
38 B. Standing Committee Representative, Roma Jo Thompson, Papago Buttes, AZ
39 C. Standing Committee Alternate, Lucile Leard, Glendale CA
40 D. Nominating Committee, Marlin Heckman, La Verne, CA
41 E. District Conference Program Committee, Russ Matteson, Modesto, CA
42 F. Camp La Verne Trustee Nominees, *none this year*
43 G. University of La Verne Nominees, *none this year*
44 H. Brethren Hillcrest Homes Board Nominees:
45 1. Don Fancher, South Bay, CA
46 2. John Gingrich, La Verne, CA
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- 1 I. District Board of Administration:
- 2 1. AZ Representative, Everett Deidiker, Papago Buttes, AZ
- 3 2. Northern CA Representative, Bill Johnson, Modesto, CA
- 4 3. Central CA Representative, Norma Sexton, Bakersfield, CA
- 5 4. At-Large Representative, Thomas Dowdy, Imperial Heights, CA
- 6 5. At-Large Representative, Vera Mae Gephart, Pomona Fellowship, CA
- 7 6. At-Large Representative, Dean Kieffaber, Glendora, CA
- 8 7. At-Large Representative, Gilbert Romero, Jr., Bella Vista, CA
- 9 8. Youth / Young Adult Members, three positions, one year terms:
- 10 a. Jennifer Scarr, Pomona Fellowship, CA
- 11 b. Vivian Vecchio, Glendora, CA
- 12 c. *not filled*
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- 14 X. District Executive Minister's Report: Bryan Boyer reported briefly and encouraged those present
- 15 to read his written report (p. 4-5).
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- 17 XI. New Business Item: Closing of Community Church Fellowship, Mesa, AZ (p. 62). Approved.
- 18 The Doxology was sung in honor and celebration of the Mesa congregation.
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- 20 XII. Report of Study Committee "Exploration of Shared Judicatory": Bill Johnson reported for the
- 21 committee. (pp. 60-61) Report accepted.
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- 23 XIII. Resolution from Fremont congregation, "Divestment from Companies Selling Products Used as
- 24 Weapons in Israel and Palestine": Esther Ho presented the resolution. (Exhibit F) Motion to
- 25 adopt the resolution and pass it on to Annual Conference. M/s/: Esther Ho/Barbara Ober. Motion
- 26 to amend: To change the last paragraph to remove "the Church of the Brethren" and insert
- 27 "Brethren Benefit Trust". On line 39 after "Palestine." Insert "Furthermore, we encourage all
- 28 other Church of the Brethren agencies and individuals to review their own investments and take
- 29 appropriate action." In the last sentence remove the word "further" and insert the word "also".
- 30 M/s/c: Janet Ober/Angela Lahman Yoder. Resolution adopted as amended.
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- 32 XIV. Report of Program Committee: Victoria Minyard reported for the committee (p. 10). District
- 33 conference in 2006 will be at Papago Buttes, AZ, and 2007 at La Verne, CA.
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- 35 XV. Report from On Earth Peace Association: Barbara Saylor made brief remarks and introduced the
- 36 written report. (p. 36)
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- 38 XVI. Report from General Board: Angela Lahman Yoder made brief remarks and introduced the
- 39 written report. (pp. 39-46)
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- 41 XVII. Report from the PSWD Board: Paul Lovelace reported for the Board. (pp 13-26). He reported
- 42 on the changes in the grants process, the new focuses of the Board in revitalization of and
- 43 assisting churches, and a new sense of mission and ministry among Board members and staff.
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- 45 XVIII. Report of the University of La Verne: Julia Wheeler made brief remarks and introduced the
- 46 written report. (p. 29)
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- 1 XIX. Report of Hillcrest Homes: Chuck Cable made brief remarks and introduced the written report.
2 (pp. 27-28)
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- 4 XX. Report of Standing Committee: Karen Walters made brief remarks and introduced the written
5 report. (p. 11)
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- 7 XXI. Small group discussions were held on the topic of “how can I relate this back to my local
8 church?”
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- 10 XXII. PSWD Budget for 2006: Bill Johnson presented the proposed budget. (pp. 57-59). He made
11 explanatory remarks about items with significant changes from 2005. The Budget was
12 Approved.
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- 14 XXIII. Stewardship resource handout: Bill Johnson explained the packet and asked those present to go
15 through the information and use as much of it as is appropriate for their congregation. He
16 encouraged congregations to maintain the five basic programs: adult ministry, young
17 family/young adult ministry, youth and children’s ministry, stewardship, and active ad campaign.
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- 19 XXIV. Moderator’s report: R. Jan Thompson...thanked the Board, staff, Program Committee, the on-
20 site coordinators (Joanne Ewert and Noelle Voepel), and Joe Schechter, Moderator-elect, as well
21 as many others who have helped make this a fruitful year. He asked that people keep the District
22 in their thoughts and prayers. He encouraged others to answer the call to service to the District,
23 if called.
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- 25 XXV. Moderator-elect’s report: Joe Schechter announced that the theme for the coming year will be
26 “Centered in Jesus” based on Acts 17:28.
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- 28 XXVI. Passing of the Gavel: Jan Thompson passed the Moderator’s gavel to Joe Schechter.
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- 30 XXVII. District Conference in 2006: October 27-29, at Papago Buttes, AZ.
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- 32 XXVIII. Meeting adjourned with prayer.
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34 Minutes recorded by Doris H. Dunham, Clerk
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37 The Committee consisting of: Barbara Ober, Sandi Boeger, and Pauline Fillmore have read the
38 minutes of the 2005 District Conference. We declare the minutes of the 2005 District Conference,
39 approved and correct as submitted.
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41 Barbara Ober,
42 Committee Convener
43 Date of final approval = May 28, 2006
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