

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

**October 27-29, 2006**

**Papago Buttes Church of the Brethren, Scottsdale, AZ**

*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 called to order with prayer at 9:05 a.m. by Joe Schechter.

**II. Announcements, Appointments, and Introductions of Special Guests:** Timekeeper: Mike Martin; Parliamentarian: Doris Dunham; Head tellers: Joe Patton, Jim Walters and Steve Guthrie; Translators: Carrie and Alfredo Cesar; Committee for Review of 2006 Minutes: Karen Walters, Chair, Richard Downhour, and Annette Martin.

**III. Roll Call:** Mary Kay Ogden, Laura Miller  
There are 24 churches represented and 81 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)	Yes	4	1
32-025	CC	Church of the Living Savior (McFarland)	Yes	4	4
32-028	AZ	Circle of Peace (AZ)	Yes	4	4
32-032	CC	Community Brethren Church (Fresno)	Yes	4	4
32-270	CC	Cornerstone Community (Reedley)	No	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	1
32-083	SW	Iglesia de Christo Genesis (LA)	Yes	4	3
32-150	SW	Imperial Heights (LA)	Yes	4	4
32-090	CC	Laton	No	4	0
32-100	SE	La Verne	Yes	6	6
32-110	CC	Lindsay ( <i>New Harvest</i> )	Yes	4	2
32-120	NC	Live Oak	Yes	4	4
32-109	NC	Modesto	Yes	5	5
32-200	SW	Panorama City	No	4	0
32-205	AZ	Papago Buttes (AZ)	Yes	4	4
32-210	NC	Paradise	No	4	0
32-220	SW	Pasadena	Yes	4	1
32-250	SE	Pomona Fellowship	Yes	4	4
32-290	NC	Prince of Peace (Sacramento)	Yes	4	3
32-322	SE	Principe de Paz (Santa Ana)	Yes	4	2

	Code	Section	Church	Present	Total Possible Delegates	Roll Call
1	32-300	SE	San Diego First	Yes	4	4
2	32-330	SW	South Bay (Redondo Beach)	Yes	4	4
3	32-340	AZ	Tucson	Yes	4	2
4	32-350	NC	Waterford	No	4	0
5				<b>Totals:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>119</b>
6						<b>81</b>

7 **IV. Delegate Dedication:** The delegates were dedicated. (Page 8, business book.)

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9 **V. Adoption of Agenda:** It was decided to move the Latino Community Brethren Project item up before the approval of the minutes. *The agenda was approved.*

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12 **VI. Consideration of Latino Community Brethren Project to Fellowship Status.**

13 Paul Lovelace reported about the Latino Community Brethren Project. The District Board recommends a change of status from a Project to a Fellowship. *Approved.* Their two delegates present took their places as full voting members, raising the number of delegates to **83**.

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17 **VII. Approval of 2005 Conference Minutes:** Barbara Ober

18 The minutes from the 2005 District Conference were found to be accurate and well written. *The minutes from the 2005 conference were approved.*

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21 **VIII. Elections:** Lucille Leard

22 A. Ballots were distributed.

23 B. Jennifer Scarr's name was removed from the ballot at her request.

24 C. Bill Frey (New Harvest/Lindsay) and Victor Olvera (Bella Vista) were nominated from the floor for board of administration members at large

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26 D. Erin McCourt (Fellowship in Christ) was nominated from the floor for youth and young adult representative.

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28 E. Joe Schechter introduced the nominees who were present. Mary Kay Ogden offered prayer. Ballots were marked and collected.

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31 **IX. Report from General Conference Agencies:**

32 A. Kathy Reid presented a video about the five agencies: Association of Brethren Caregivers; Bethany Theological Seminary; Brethren Benefit Trust; General Board; On Earth Peace.

33 B. Randy Yoder spoke about Brethren Benefit Trust.

34 C. Kathy Reid spoke about Association of Brethren Caregivers.

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37 **X. District Executive Minister's Report:** Bryan Boyer

38 Bryan Boyer reported, and he encouraged people to read his report on pages 12-15 in the business book. Bryan noted that we are current in the audit process, thanks to Carl and Carrie Beckwith. Jim Merrifield presented a Certificate of Completion to Mike Martin from TRIM.

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42 **XI. Report from the PSWD Board:** Paul Lovelace

43 Paul Lovelace reported on the board's activities and presented a PowerPoint presentation. He encouraged people to read his report on pages 20-30 of the business book.

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46 **XII. 2007 Budget: (Exhibit C, pages 56-58):** Bill Johnson

47 Bill Johnson spoke briefly. Written reports are in the business book on pages 56-58. There was a brief discussion about youth ministries. *Approved.*

1 **XIII. New Business:**

2 **A. Query from Papago Buttes (Exhibit E, pages 64-66):** Paul Lovelace

3 The query asks about changing the frequency of annual conference and is on pages 64-66 in the  
4 business book. It is recommended by the district board. There was discussion about the query.

5 *Approved.*

6 **B. Name change of Lindsay CoB:** Paul Lovelace

7 Lindsay CoB would like to change its name so that they are doing business as New Harvest  
8 Community Fellowship. It is recommended by the District Board. *Approved.*

9 **C.** We celebrated the response by our disaster response team with the singing of the Doxology.  
10 We had 11 volunteers. Roma Jo and Jan Thompson were the leaders.

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12 **XIV. Moderator's Report:** Joe Schechter

13 Joe Schechter thanked the coordinators and all the volunteers of Papago Buttes CoB for their service  
14 and hospitality in hosting the conference. He thanked the district staff and other board members.

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16 **XV. Moderator Elect's Report:** Mary Kay Ogden

17 Mary Kay Ogden encouraged everyone to fill out an evaluation form. She thanked Joe Schechter for  
18 his work. She introduced the theme for the 2007 conference to be held in La Verne, CA:  
19 *Alone Together With the Spirit*, with artwork designed by Eric Davis. Ken Medema will be  
20 keynote speaker.

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22 **XVI. Voting Results:** Laura Miller

23 **A.** Moderator Elect: John Price, Empire, CA

24 **B.** Clerk: Laura Miller, Papago Buttes, AZ

25 **C.** Nominating Committee: Berkely Davis, Pomona Fellowship, CA

26 **D.** District Conference Program Committee: Cathy Iacuelli, Circle of Peace, AZ

27 **E.** University of La Verne trustee: none this year

28 **F.** Brethren Hillcrest Homes: Steven F. Johnson, La Verne, CA

29 **G.** Youth and Young Adult:

30 1. Cambria Teeter, La Verne, CA

31 2. Vivian Vecchio, Glendora, CA

32 3. Erin McCourt, Fellowship in Christ, CA

33 **H.** District Board of Administration At-Large members:

34 1. Jim Davis, Community Brethren, CA

35 2. Janelle Keeling, Bakersfield, CA

36 3. Rene Quintanilla, Community Brethren, CA

37 4. Victor Olvera, Bella Vista, CA

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39 **XVII. Receiving All Reports:** Joe Schechter

40 Joe Schechter noted that some reports were given during workshops and written reports are in the  
41 business book. *Approved.*

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43 **XVIII. Passing of the Gavel:** Joe Schechter

44 Joe Schechter passed the moderator's gavel to Mary Kay Ogden.

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46 **XIX. Adjournment with prayer:** Joe Schechter

47 The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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49 Minutes recorded by Laura Miller, Clerk