

1 **Minutes of the**  
2 **Forty-Seventh Annual District Conference**  
3 **Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren**

4 **November 13, 2010**

**Hillcrest Homes, La Verne, California**

5 **I. Call to Order:** Moderator Felton Daniels called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Prayer was  
6 offered by John Jackson, and those who have passed away during the last year were remembered.

7 **II. Announcements, Appointments, and Introductions of Special Guests and Others**

8 The Policy Board Chair, Moderator-Elect, Moderator, Clerk, and District Executive Minister  
9 were introduced. The timekeeper was Lois Frantz. The tellers were Karen Pierson, Nohemi  
10 Flores, Larry Cole, Cheryl Crane, and Nancy Deal. The parliamentarian was Karen Walters. The  
11 committee to review the 2010 minutes was named: Kate Spire (Circle of Peace), Linda Davis  
12 (Church of the Living Savior), and Pat Royer (Modesto).

13 **III. Quorum:** There are 22 churches represented and 71 delegates present. A quorum was declared  
14 to be present.

15 **IV. Dedication of Delegates:** The Delegates' Dedication Litany was read (Page 6 of the Business  
16 Book).

17 **V. Approval of 2009 Minutes**

18 A. A committee of Lois Frantz (Empire Church of the Brethren), Kate Spire (Circle of Peace),  
19 and Linda Davis (Church of the Living Savior) had reviewed the minutes of the 2009 Pacific  
20 Southwest District Conference and verified that the minutes are correct.

21 B. **It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2009 Pacific Southwest**  
22 **District Conference. Approved.**

23 **VI. Approval of Agenda**

24 A. The agenda (pages 3 and 4 of the Business Book, plus an updated workshop handout) was  
25 presented.

26 B. **Cady Laycook (South Bay) moved and Sandi Boeger (Live Oak) seconded to approve**  
27 **the agenda as presented. Approved.**

28 **VII. Report from the Pacific Southwest District Board**

29 Board Chair Don Fancher gave a brief report and directed us to read the report on pages 17-25  
30 of the Business Book. Don thanked the members of the board for their contributions and thanked  
31 those whose terms of service have been completed. Don reported that several workshops are  
32 planned to explain business items before the vote.

33 **VIII. District Executive Minister Report**

34 District Executive Minister Don Booz showed a video with statistics and directed us to page 10  
35 of the Business Book for his written report. The District's pastors and chaplains were recognized  
36 and thanked with a round of applause. The four pastors who passed away over the last year were  
37 remembered. Don mentioned that many people in our denomination have noticed the District's  
38 Unity Statement that was passed in 2007. Don thanked the staff for their hard work and his wife  
39 Cindy for her understanding.

40 **IX. Introduction of Business Items**

41 A. Don Fancher and Mike Martin introduced the "Ministry Investment Plan" and directed us  
42 to Exhibit C on pages 52-62 of the Business Book. A time was given for questions and

- 1 answers.
- 2 B. Don Fancher introduced the “Process for Dealing with Congregational Disagreements with  
3 Annual Conference and / or District Conference Decisions,” and directed us to Exhibit E on  
4 pages 64 and 65 of the Business Book. Don explained that this is a process and that  
5 conclusions are not spelled out. A time was given for questions and answers.
- 6 C. Don Fancher introduced the “Resolution for a Call to Stewardship Education” and directed  
7 us to Exhibit D on page 63 of the Business Book. A time was given for questions and  
8 answers.
- 9 D. Don Fancher introduced the “Guidance for Responding to the Changing of the Earth’s  
10 Climate” query, directed us to Exhibit F on page 66 of the Business Book and explained that  
11 the query was received from Circle of Peace, Peoria, AZ.
- 12 E. Thelma Keeling introduced the 2011 Ballot and directed us to Exhibit A on pages 44-47 of  
13 the Business Book. The procedure for nominations from the floor was explained.
- 14 **X. Program Committee Report**  
15 Russ Matteson, chair of the Program Committee, thanked Karen Clobes and Neil Fancher from  
16 Hillcrest for their work and directed us to page 15 of the Business Book for his report. Felton  
17 Daniels thanked Sara Haldeman-Scarr for six years of work on the Program Committee.
- 18 **XI. University of La Verne Report**  
19 Julia Wheeler spoke about the different colleges that are under the umbrella of University of La  
20 Verne, including the colleges of law and education and the satellite locations. Julia explained that  
21 a search committee has been formed to replace the retiring president and that a full-time chaplain  
22 is being sought. She also spoke about the summer service worker program.
- 23 **XII. Standing Committee Delegate Report**  
24 Lucile Leard directed us to page 12 of the Business Book for her report. Lucile reported that the  
25 Standing Committee will be holding hearings in January about two controversial topics.
- 26 **XIII. Election of Officers**  
27 A. Thelma Keeling presented the 2011 Ballot to the delegates and the floor was opened for  
28 additional nominations. A potential nominee had just finished two full terms and was not  
29 eligible for reelection. There were no nominations accepted from the floor.
- 30 B. **Tom Deal (Modesto) moved and Jeanine Ewert (Modesto) seconded to accept the  
31 nominees on the ballot. Approved.**
- 32 C. The following people were elected to the PSWD 2011 Board:  
33 1. Jack Storne (Live Oak), Moderator-Elect  
34 2. Richard Hart (Pomona Fellowship), Nominating Committee  
35 3. Brenda Isaacs (Bakersfield), Program Committee  
36 4. District Board of Administration Policy Board:  
37 a. Lois Frantz (Empire)  
38 b. James Isaacs (Bakersfield)  
39 c. Marye Martinez (Modesto)  
40 d. Sam Spire (Circle of Peace)  
41 e. Reba Herder (La Verne) (SoCA East Representative)  
42 f. Don Fancher (South Bay) (2nd Term) (SoCA West Representative)  
43 g. Paige Butzlaff (La Verne), Youth and Young Adult Representative  
44 h. Christopher Bache (La Verne), Youth and Young Adult Representative  
45 i. Nohemi Flores, (Cristo Sion), Youth and Young Adult Representative  
46 5. Chris Hartzell (Bakersfield), Camp La Verne Trustee (2nd Term)  
47 6. Jack W. Meek (La Verne), Brethren Hillcrest Homes Board  
48 7. Michael G. Wolfsen (La Verne), Brethren Hillcrest Homes Board

- 1 **XIV. Resolution for a Call to Stewardship Education**  
2 A. Karen Walters directed the delegates to page 63 of the Business Book. Time was given for  
3 discussion.  
4 B. Kate Spire (Circle of Peace) explained that the intent of the query is very good as part of the  
5 reality of our lives, and that our faith walk should have an impact on the way we handle our  
6 money. Kate Spire explained that she has spoken with the author of the paper and was  
7 invited to make an amendment to the paper.  
8 C. **Kate Spire (Circle of Peace) moved and Mauricio Iacueli (Circle of Peace) seconded**  
9 **to amend the title to read “Resolution for a Call to Education on Faith and Finances.”**  
10 **The amendment was approved by a raised-hand vote.**  
11 D. A time was given for discussion on the resolution. This comes as a recommendation from  
12 the Policy Board. **The resolution was approved as amended.**
- 13 **XV. Query: Guidance for Responding to the Changing of Earth’s Climate**  
14 A. Don Fancher directed the delegates to page 66 of the Business Book. Time was given for  
15 discussion. This comes as a recommendation from the Policy Board.  
16 B. **The query “Guidance for Responding to the Changing of Earth’s Climate” was**  
17 **approved for consideration by the Annual Conference meeting in 2011 in Grand**  
18 **Rapids, Michigan.**
- 19 **XVI. Ministry Investment Plan**  
20 A. Don Fancher and Mike Martin presented the Ministry Investment Plan and recommended  
21 its adoption. This comes as a recommendation from the Policy Board. Discussion was held.  
22 B. **Susan Boyer (La Verne) moved and Jerry Davis (Pomona Fellowship) seconded to**  
23 **increase the 2011 Ministry Investment Plan expenses by \$5000 for University of La**  
24 **Verne Campus Ministry. Approved.**  
25 C. A time was given for discussion of the amended Ministry Investment Plan. This comes as  
26 a recommendation from the Policy Board.  
27 D. **The Ministry Investment Plan was approved as amended.**
- 28 **XVII. Process for Dealing with Congregational Disagreements with Annual Conference and / or**  
29 **District Conference Decisions**  
30 A. Don Fancher directed the delegates to page 64 of the Business Book, Exhibit E. This comes  
31 as a recommendation from the Policy Board.  
32 B. **Sara Haldeman-Scarr (San Diego) moved and Mary Kay Ogden (La Verne) seconded**  
33 **that the statement be amended by striking out line 18 and all that follows and**  
34 **inserting: “grounded in the Unity Statement and conscious of our theological and**  
35 **cultural diversity, the Pacific Southwest District Conference appoints a five-person**  
36 **study committee to develop a framework for conversation around the areas of tension**  
37 **in a spirit of love and acceptance as we focus on Christ and report to the District**  
38 **Conference 2011.”**  
39 C. After much discussion, it was determined that this should be a separate substitute motion.  
40 Sara H-S withdrew the amendment.  
41 D. **Sara Haldeman-Scarr (San Diego) moved and Karen Cosner (Modesto) seconded to**  
42 **present a substitute motion that would use the beginning of the original paper, but**  
43 **strike line 18 and everything following and substitute the following: “grounded in the**  
44 **Unity Statement and conscious of our theological and cultural diversity, the Pacific**  
45 **Southwest District Conference appoints a five-person study committee to develop a**  
46 **framework for conversation around the areas of tension in a spirit of love and**  
47 **acceptance as we focus on Christ and report to the District Conference 2011.”**

- 1 E. A verbal vote was too close to call. A raised-hand vote was held on the substitute motion.  
2 **The substitute motion passed, replacing the original paper by a vote of 38-28.**  
3 F. The substitute motion which was just passed was then discussed. A question was asked as  
4 to who should appoint the committee. **Cady Laycook (South Bay) moved and Doris**  
5 **Dunham (Bakersfield) seconded to amend the motion to read "...the Pacific Southwest**  
6 **District Conference directs the Policy Board to appoint a five-person committee..."**  
7 **The amendment was approved.**  
8 G. **The amended substitute motion was approved.**

9 **XVIII. Reports**

- 10 A. National Youth Conference  
11 Becky Zapata gave a report on National Youth Conference. She thanked the District for the  
12 opportunity to be a co-director of the Pacific Southwest District's efforts to facilitate  
13 participation in National Youth Conference. One hundred attendees represented our District.  
14 Becky challenged everyone to begin planning for the 2014 NYC now and to support youth  
15 from other congregations if there are no youth from one's own congregation.  
16 B. Reports From Denominational Agencies  
17 Lowell Flory (Bethany Seminary) and Jay Wittmeyer (Mission & Ministry Board) reported  
18 from the Denominational Agencies. A video was shown highlighting the CoB  
19 Denominational Agencies.

20 **XIX. Moderator's Closing Remarks**

- 21 Felton Daniels thanked the conference attendees for the opportunity to serve as the Moderator.  
22 Felton also thanked Hillcrest Homes for hosting the conference.

23 **XX. Passing of the Gavel**

- 24 Felton Daniels passed the gavel to Karen Walters.

25 **XXI. Adjournment**

- 26 The PSWD 2010 District Conference was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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28 Minutes recorded by Laura Miller, Clerk

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30 In August 2011, the proof copy of the minutes was examined by the committee: Kate Spire (Circle of  
31 Peace), Linda Davis (Church of the Living Savior), and Pat Royer (Modesto).