

District Conference Program Committee Report

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To begin the process of planning for this year's District Conference, we held our first "person-to-person" meeting, Friday through Saturday, January 4 & 5, at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Scottsdale/Paradise Valley, Arizona. We were able to sample the accommodations, the meal selections, and some of the meeting rooms. We were also able to view the beginning foundations of the brand new building we plan to use for worship and business at District Conference. In attendance were Moderator-Elect Mary Kay Ogden, Robert Aguirre, Karleen Daniels, Linda Hart, Cady

Laycook, and Peggy Redman from the Program Committee, as well as District Registrar and Conference Website Preparer Juliana Pitruzzello, District Administrative Assistant Joe Vecchio, District Youth Advisor Nohemi Flores, District Executive Minister Russ Matteson, and myself. We had a busy, but fruitful, time determining how many lodging rooms, meeting rooms, and other accommodations were needed for our November Conference. We also made assignments.

Throughout the remainder of this year we have met every month by way of Zoom for "face-to-face" meetings. (Zoom is a computer program which uses Internet connections to bring our faces and voices together for meaningful discussions. It also enables the District to save money and time for travel, meals, and lodging.)

The Program Committee, through use of sub-committees, plans and facilitates worship, business, insight-sessions, the Ice Cream Social, hospitality, youth participation, and the District-wide Service Project.

I want to thank all the Program Committee members and the other participants who have helped plan this District Conference to make it such a success.

Gratefully,

Bob Morris, Moderator