

Reclaiming Creation
Church of the Red Rocks
Sedona, Arizona

Friday, April 17th

10:30 a.m. First Business Session: The meeting was called to order by Moderator Dana Bender
A Welcome by George Ault, Sr. Pastor of Church of the Red Rocks

Introduction of Guests by Dana Bender

- Judith Glenn – Local Arrangements Coordinator
- Eunice Hill and Norma Gibson – Designed and quilted the banners for our theme
- Carlos Osuna – Audio Visual Support Person
- Molly Dorhauer – Child Care Provider
- Rev. Jim Antal – Massachusetts Conference Minister and Keynote Speaker
- Rev. Doug Bland- Director of AZ Interfaith Power and Light and Keynote Speaker
- Sister Joan Brown – Director of NM Interfaith Power and Light and Keynote Speaker
- Gordon Gilles – Cornerstone Fund
- Don Hart – United Church Funds
- Revs. Peggy Roberts and David Ragan – Beatitudes Campus of Care
- Mark Clark – Parliamentarian
- Rev. Nancy Brink – Chapman University
- Rev. Erin Tamayo – Director of Arizona Faith Network
- SW Conference Officers: Rev. George Ault (Moderator-Elect), Phil Ward (Treasurer) and Rich Doerrer-Peacock (Secretary)
- SW Conference Contract Staff: Rev. Rock Fremont (Lay Academy), Rev. Ken McIntosh (Church Growth and Renewal), Rev. Tyler Connoley (Immigrant Care Coordinator), and Wende Gonzales (Communications)
- SW Conference Staff: Barbara Decker (Assistant to John Dorhauer) and Holly Herman (Office Manager)

Results of Written Ballot

Holly Herman reported: We currently have 190 people attending representing 38 churches. We have a quorum.

Nominating Committee Report

Holly Herman referred the delegates to the Nominating Report on the first of the salmon colored pages in the booklet for the Annual Meeting. An election will be held tomorrow. Holly thanked the Nominating Committee: Alan Mong, Anita Curtis, Rev. Alberta Wallace, Debe Knaack, Barbara Nordlund, and Sandy Znetka.

Financial Reports

Phil Ward referred to the financial reports on the salmon colored pages in the Annual Meeting booklet. In particular, he referred to the third page which lists the 2013 Actual (income and expenses), the 2014 Actual (income and expenses), the Final 2015 Budget, and the 2016 Top Line Budget which will be voted on tomorrow.

Welcome Three New Churches

Peace UCC Representatives – Revs. Ric and Lynn Brightman, Maria Elena Barron and Stan Roberts

Motion: To receive Peace United Church of Christ (El Paso, Texas) as a Local Church of the of the Southwest Conference. Approved

Siver City UCC Representatives: - Rev. Tyler Connoley, Alan Mong, Dallas and Barbara

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Motion: To receive Silver City United Church of Christ (Silver City, New Mexico) as a Local Church of the Southwest Conference. Approved

EKFAS Representatives: - Rev. Esera Tavai, Joanna Tavai, Thomas and Carol Fuiga, Marlowe and April Rasing

Motion: To receive Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa / EFKAS (Phoenix, Arizona) as a Local Church of the Southwest Conference. Approved

Reports:

Mission Planning Board Report and Executive Board Report by Rev. George Ault
Cornerstone Fund Report by Gordon Gilles
United Church Fund Report by Don Hart
Justice Witness Ministry Report by Logan Marshall, Andrla Davis, and Karen Richter

Gift to UCC Coalition from Casas Adobes UCC presented by Rev. Lee Milligan and Moderator
In appreciation of all that has been done by the UCC Coalition and in honor of Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer \$1000 was given to the UCC Coalition.

1:00 p.m. Keynote Address by Rev. Doug Bland and Sister Joan Brown

2:00 p.m. Workshops

“Headlines of Hope – Expanding Our Imagination of What Is Possible” by Rev. Jim Antal
“Investing from the Heart, Building for the Future” by Gordon Gilles
“Church Management for Sustainability” by Rev. Gloria Smith
“Arizona Faith Network: New and Improved” by Rev. Erin Tamayo
“A Taste of Lay Academy: Was Paul Misunderstood?” by Dr. Vernon Meyer
“Welcome the Stranger: Becoming an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation” by Dr. Randy Mayer
“Justice Witness Storytelling Project” by Rev. Andrla Davis and Logan Marshall

3:00 p.m. Second Business Session moderated by Rev. George Ault

Reports:

Immigrant Care Coordinator Report by Rev. Tyler Connoley
A written report is in the Annual Meeting booklet (green sheets)
Beatitudes Campus of Care Report by Rev. Peggy Roberts, Rev. David Ragan, Dr. Dosia Carlson, and Bob and Lee Hardy
An EPIC Report (Education, Participation, Innovation, and Communication Strategic Plan) by Rev. Dr. Gloria Smith
Lay Academy Report by Rev. Rock Fremont
A written report is in the Annual Meeting booklet (green sheets)
Conference Minister Transition Plans by Dana Bender
Conference Minister Report by Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer
A written report is in the Annual Meeting booklet (green sheets)

7:15 p.m. Worship Service
Offering for the Conference Minister Search Fund
Rev. Jim Antal was the preacher.
The handbell choir of Church of the Red Rocks offered special music

8:30 p.m. Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the SW Conference and a Reception celebrating the ministry of Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer’s leadership as the SW Conference Minister since he is the nominee for the UCC as General Minister and President.

Saturday, April 18th

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship

9:15 a.m. Third Business Session

Reports:

Office Manager Report by Holly Herman
Moderator Report by Dana Bender

Presentation to Sister Joan Brown and Rev. Doug Bland in appreciation for their leadership at this Annual Meeting

9:45 a.m. Workshops

“Interfaith Action for Climate Justice” by Rev. Doug Bland and Sister Joan Brown
“Making Sense of DACA & DAPA: What do they mean? When will they take effect?”
by Rev. Tyler Connoley
“Building a 200 Block Sanctuary...through Community Partnerships” by Rev. Dr. Ted Elsenheimer
“Staying Open to Divine Presence and Guidance in the Midst of an Active Life”
by Rev. Amos Smith and Rev. Kenneth McIntosh
“Cooperative Advocacy: Offering Sanctuary without Fear” by Rev. Gene Lefebvre, etc.
“Capturing the Spirit in Words” by Rev. Elaine Greensmith Jordan
“Justice Witness Storytelling Project” by Rev. Andria Davis and Logan Marshall

11:00 a.m. Keynote Address by Rev. Jim Antal

1:30 p.m. Fourth Business Session

Reports

Church Growth Ministry Team by Rev. Ken McIntosh
Widening the Welcome by Michael Curry
A written report is in the Annual Meeting booklet (green sheets)
Rebel and Divine by Rev. Jeffrey Dirrim

Elections

MOTION: To adopt the nominating slate as presented on the salmon colored page in the Annual Report booklet - Approved

2016 Top Line Budget

MOTION: To adopt the 2016 Top Line Budget as presented on the salmon colored page in the Annual Report booklet – Approved

Presentations:

Introductions of New Pastors serving the SW Conference

James Pennington: First Congregational UCC (Phoenix)

Matthew Baugh: Iglesia Congregational Unida (Albuquerque)

Leah McCullough: Good Shepherd UCC (Sahuarita)

Transfers of Standing into the SW Conference

Tracy Hughes, Don Longbottom, Laura Folkwin, Carl Eschenbrenner, John Indermark,
James Scovil, Tom Lewis

Ordinations

Beth Frigard and Andria Davis

Installations

James Pennington, Carter Hilai, Andria Davis, Tarbwij Charley, Sue Joiner

Church Anniversaries

Desert Heritage (Mesa) - 25 years

Ordination Anniversaries

Don Arey (50), Elizabeth Youngberg (25), Lynn Hinton (25), Janet St. Cyr (25), Dalene Fuller Rogers (25), Judith Hambleton (25)

“Five for Five” - 27 churches were recognized for donating the 5 special offerings of the UCC
“Seven for Seven” - Of those 27 churches , 9 gave additional gifts to the 2 special offerings of the SW Conference.

“Our Church’s Wider Missioin”

The church that gave the most – Good Shepherd UCC (Sahuarita)
Highest per Capita contributors – South Mountain Community Church (Phoenix)
and Scottsdale Congregational UCC

“Open and Affirming” – new congregations are: Church of the Palms (Sun City), Sun Lakes, and Congregational Church of the Valley (Scottsdale)

The SW Conference celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer presented some history and a video remembrance.

Gifts:

to Rev. Jim Antal for his leadership at this Annual Meeting
to Dana Bender for her leadership as Moderator this past year.

The new Moderator Rev. George Ault announced that next year’s Annual Meeting of the SW Conference will be at Shadow Rock UCC in Phoenix

3:00 p.m.

Worship Service

Offering for the Conference Minister Search Fund

Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer was the preacher.

The SW Conference officers and committee members were installed

Tracy Hughes was commissioned to begin her work in Colombia.

Ktizo Youth Choir and Rev. John Herman offered special music

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Doerrler-Peacock

Secretary, Southwest Conference United Church of Christ