

Southern Association Spring Meeting

March 17, 2024 by Zoom

Churches Present (17): Alpine, Pilgrim, Christian Fellowship, Chula Vista, Escondido, Huntington Beach Samoan, Irvine, Kensington, La Jolla, La Mesa, Mission Hills, Neighborhood, Pioneer Ocean View, Poway, Ramona, University City and United Church of the Valley.

Delegates Present: 40

Moderator Rev. Nerice Kaufman greeted all the attendees and opened the meeting at 3:04pm with a prayer.

Greetings from the Conference: Rev. Ellis Arnold

1. New Conference Minister was called on March 16, 2024. She will be attending the Annual Gathering in June.
2. Join to receive the Conference Newsletter to be sure you are informed of all Conference ongoing.

Program – Ecclesiastical Council for Monica Bradley

The Rev. Tim Seery (Chair of Church and Ministry) introduced Monica and explained her discernment over the last five years. Monica presented her sense of call to ordination and reviewed her ordination paper. Her work is with the New Church and is Director of Admission at the Brite Divinity School (which is an ordainable call). Motion was made from Church and Ministry of the Southern Association of the SCNCUCC to approve Monica Bradley for ordination and standing to serve in ministry in and on behalf of the United Church of Christ, **MSC**. Ordination is scheduled for Sunday, April 28th at Christian Fellowship.

Business Meeting: Rev. Nerice Kaufman, Moderator

- A quorum was established with 17 churches and 40 delegates in attendance.
- The October 2023 Fall Association meeting minutes were approved as submitted, **MSC**.
- All the Annual Reports from 2023 were approved, **MSC**.
- Moderator Rev. Nerice Kaufman recognized the diversity and theology from which everyone has come from which makes the Southern Association strong and wonderful.
- Church and Ministry Chair the Rev. Tim Seery gave an updated report and review of the committee and the C&M's business done for the year 2023. The committee has also got a lot of support from MESA and conference. Section A works with the MIDs, Section B works with retired clergy and ordained ministers and Section C wrote a new document to help MIDs use the Marks on Ministry and now are being visitors to all 30 churches in the Southern Association. The members of CoM that are continuing will unite with CCOM in the coming year (covenant with all of the Associations in SCNCUCC). Tim thanked all of the churches for allowing members of their churches to work on C&M and to support them as they serve.
- The Rev. Iona Dickinson reviewed the CCOM and explained that Vicki Holland will be working with the Conference Staff.
- Association Treasurer Ron Kaelberer reviewed the Annual Financial Report that is attached. The Report was approved, **MSC**.
- The offering from today will support MIDs scholarship so please send them to the new office which is located at the Community Church of Poway.
- The proposed slate of Officers for 2024 was given by the Rev. Iona Dickinson Association Past Moderator. See attached report.
- The election and installation of Officers for 2024-2025 were approved, **MSC**.
- Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Church and Ministry members were given.

Announcements:

1. Donna Richards reminded everyone of the upcoming dates for Pilgrim Pines and encouraged all to attend.
2. Christian Fellowship reminded everyone of the ordination for Monica Bradley on April 28, 2024 sometime in the afternoon. Information will follow.

The Meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator Bruce Ramet.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Submitted March 29, 2024 by
Patricia Whitacre, Registrar