

MINUTES OF THE PRE-SESSION COMMITTEE OF THE 64th CONSTITUENCY SESSION
OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

White Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church
401 N. State Street, Los Angeles, California

February 15, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

NOTED: The list of members which were present and the members which were absent appears in **Appendix "A"**.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT AND PRAYER

Elder Arnold Trujillo, Chair*
Vice President, Pacific Union Conference

RECORDING SECRETARY

VOTED, to ask the Conference Secretary, Elder Velino A. Salazar, to serve as the recording secretary of
01-15 the Pre-Session Committee meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL ORIENTATION

Elder Arnold Trujillo, chair, reviewed the following provisions from the Southern California Conference Bylaws, Article 3, Sections 3.1 and 3.2.1, with the members of the Pre-Session Committee:

- 1) *The Pre-Session Committee shall consist of one delegate member from each church. Its main assignment is to elect the Nominating Committee for the 64th Constituency Session.*
- 2) *The Nominating Committee shall consist of twenty-one members, including the president of the Pacific Union Conference or his/her appointee, who shall chair the committee. The membership of this committee shall, as nearly as possible, proportionately represent the membership of this conference, properly recognizing gender, ethnic and geographical backgrounds.*
- 3) *Not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of those who were members of the preceding Nominating Committee may serve on this committee.*
- 4) *Not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the non-administrative members of the executive committee may serve on the Nominating Committee.*
- 5) *Incumbent officers, departmental directors, and associate and assistant directors shall not be members of this committee.*

It was also explained that, in order to follow the conference Bylaws, the allocation of members for the Nominating Committee composition is based on the membership by Regions at of the end of the Third Quarter of the previous year of the Constituency Session, in this case September 30, 2014.

ALLOCATION FORMULA

VOTED,
02-15

to adopt a proposed Allocation Formula of the 20 Nominating Committee members to comply with the Bylaws requirement that *"the membership of this committee shall, as nearly as possible, proportionately represent the membership of this conference..."*

Allocation of members by Region to serve on the Nominating Committee

NOTED:

The members designated to serve on the Nominating Committee were allocated as follows:

<u>REGION</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u> as of 09/30/14	<u>% of MEMB</u>	<u>% of 20</u>	<u>#NC</u>
Asian Pacific	6,505	15.33	3.07	3
Greater Los Angeles	7,104	16.75	3.35	3
Hispanic	12,334	29.07	5.81	6
Los Angeles Metro	9,657	22.77	4.55	5
West	<u>6,820</u>	<u>16.08</u>	<u>3.22</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTALS	42,420	100.00%	20.00	20

DISTRIBUTION FORMULA

VOTED,
03-15

to adopt a proposed Distribution Formula of the 20 Nominating Committee members as a guideline to fulfill the Bylaws requirement that *"the membership of this committee shall, as nearly as possible, proportionately represent the membership of this conference, properly recognizing gender, ethnic and geographical backgrounds."* **Appendix "B"**

NOTED:

It was highlighted that, in order to follow the spirit of the conference Bylaws, this formula could distribute its composition including:

- Affiliation:**
 - Laypersons – 50%
 - Employees – 50%
 - Educators – 40%
 - Ministers – 50%
 - Office Staff – 10%
- Gender:**
 - Female – 50%
 - Male – 50%
- Ethnicity/Geography:** By Regions

FORMING SUB-COMMITTEES

VOTED,
04-15

to divide the Pre-Session Committee into five sub-committees representing the five regions of the conference: Asian Pacific Region, Greater Los Angeles Region, Hispanic Region, Los Angeles Metro Region, and West Region.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES FOR MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 64th CONSTITUENCY SESSION

VOTED,
05-15

to approve recommendations from the five sub-committees of the Pre-Session Committee that the following persons serve on the Nominating Committee for the 64th Constituency Session of the Southern California Conference:

Asian Pacific Region (3)

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|------------------|---------------------------------|
| ■ Jin Seong Choe | Glendale Korean Church (PASTOR) |
| ■ Rachel Tom | El Monte Vietnamese Church |
| ■ Isi Vunileva | Los Angeles Tongan Church |

Greater Los Angeles Region (3)

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ■ Dawn Bernard | Ephesus Church |
| ■ Adolphus Garnett | Fifty-Fourth Street Church (PASTOR) |
| ■ Carol Todd | Breath of Life Church (EDUCATOR) |

Hispanic Region (6)

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| ■ Natanael Caballero | Baldwin Park Bilingual Church |
| ■ Antonia Elenes | Lincoln Heights Spanish Church |
| ■ Iris Ferrando | Glendale Spanish Church (EDUCATOR) |
| ■ David Guzman, Sr. | Van Nuys Spanish Church |
| ■ Jaime Heras | Glendale Spanish Church (PASTOR) |
| ■ Mario Negrete | Monrovia Spanish Church (EDUCATOR) |

Los Angeles Metro Region (5)

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ■ Cherise Gardner | Long Beach Church (PASTOR) |
| ■ Adam Hicks | Journey Church (PASTOR) |
| ■ Eric Molander | Eagle Rock Church |
| ■ Marcy Rood | Community Adventist Fellowship Church |
| ■ Doug Schultz | Glendale City Church |

West Region (3)

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| ■ William Gile | The Place Fellowship Church (EDUCATOR) |
| ■ Jan Kaatz | Burbank Church (PASTOR) |
| ■ Neville Salvador | Hollywood Church |

ALTERNATE REPLACEMENTS IF THE ABOVE PERSONS ARE UNABLE TO SERVE

VOTED,
06-15

to approve recommendations from the five sub-committees for the following persons to serve as alternates to replace members of the Nominating Committee if the above listed members are unable to serve:

Asian Pacific Region

Alternates for Laypersons

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| ■ Pat Hokama | Central Japanese-American Community Church |
| ■ Norman Sacro | Pasadena Church |

Alternates for Denominational Employees

- | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| ■ Edgar Lloren | Pasadena Church (PASTOR) |
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ALTERNATE REPLACEMENTS IF THE ABOVE PERSONS ARE UNABLE TO SERVE – continued

Greater Los Angeles Region

Alternates for Laypersons

■ Rochon Starks Compton Community Church

Alternates for Denominational Employees

■ Lawrence Dorsey II Normandie Avenue Church (PASTOR)

■ Bobbie Hunt Tamarind Avenue Church (EDUCATOR)

Hispanic Region

Alternates for Laypersons

■ Liliana Murillo El Sereno Spanish Church

■ Saul Ramos Lincoln Heights Spanish Church

Alternates for Denominational Employees

■ Alfredo Lee Van Nuys Spanish Church (PASTOR)

■ Angie Marquez Glendora Spanish Church (EDUCATOR)

■ David Olivares Monrovia Spanish Church (EDUCATOR)

Los Angeles Metro Region

Alternates for Laypersons

■ Kenneth Koh Bellflower Church

■ Janet Lui Rolling Hills Church

Alternates for Denominational Employees

■ Maria Gibson Vallejo Drive Church (PASTOR)

■ Donald Smith Alhambra Church (PASTOR)

West Region

Alternates for Laypersons

■ Milton Hinkle Santa Clarita Church

Alternates for Denominational Employees

■ Jennifer Lew The Place Fellowship Church (EDUCATOR)

■ Jan White Simi Valley Church (PASTOR)

VOTED,
07-15

to authorize the Conference Secretary to make the replacements from the alternate list according to the recommendation by each individual sub-committee.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED,
08-15

to adjourn. (11:55 a.m.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Adolphus Garnett

Arnold Trujillo, chair*
Velino A. Salazar, recording secretary

* Elder Arnold Trujillo was the designee by the Pacific Union Conference President to chair this committee.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE 64th CONSTITUENCY SESSION
PRE-SESSION COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, February 15, 2015

APPENDIX "A"

ASIAN PACIFIC REGION

Members Present: Imai, Dennis (Central Japanese-American); Cho, Paul (Chino Valley Chinese); Lafo, Eliu (Compton Samoan); Legaspi, Ruddle (Crescenta Valley Filipino); Tom, Rachel (El Monte Vietnamese); Regoso, Albert C (Glendale Filipino); Lee, Enoch (Glendale Korean); Cho, Young Yeop (Hacienda Korean); Fondewilla, Pliny (Intervally Filipino); Gao, Ming (L.A. Chinese); Vunileva, Isi (L.A. Tongan); Lee, Sung Min (Olympic Korean); Sacro, Norman (Pasadena); Chang, Daniel (Rosemead Korean); Rafanan, Reuben (San Fernando Valley Filipino); Dizon, Gregorio (Trinity); Camato, Kevin (Upper Room Fellowship).

Members Absent: Maragh, Alvin (Central Filipino); Kang, John (Cerritos Korean); Murotani, Hiroshi (Gardena Japanese American); Digidigan, Percival (Holydale Community); Ostos, Tony (Indonesian-American); Hong, Doo Pyo (L.A. Central Korean); Stuart, Lawrence (L.A. Thai); UNKNOWN (San Gabriel Valley Chinese); Kim, Andrew (Valley United Korean); Inouye, Fred (West L.A. Japanese).

GREATER LOS ANGELES REGION

Members Present: Walker, Stewart (Antelope Valley); Lloyd, Calvin (Berean); Hall Jeffrey (Berean); Starks, Rochon (Compton Community); Settle, Ed (Delaware Avenue); Bernard, Garrick (Ephesus); Garnett, Adolphus (Fifty-four Street); Walker, Stewart (Hidden Treasures); Pfirman, Dennis (Miramonte Blvd); Fields, Dimple (Smyrna); Stacy, Alma (Tamarind Avenue); Minor, Mark (Valley Crossroads).

Members Absent: Honore, Richardson (Altadena); Browne, Marsha (Bethel); Chapman, William (Maranatha); UNKNOWN (New Hope); Simmons, Pamela (Normandie Avenue); UNKNOWN (Philadelphian); UNKNOWN (University).

HISPANIC REGION

Members Present: Caballero, Natanael (Baldwin Park Bilingual); Romero, Elfrida (Carson Spanish); Garcia, Heleodoro (Central Spanish); Romero, Alfredo (Culver City Spanish); Hernandez, George (East L.A. Bilingual); Cruz, Yvette (Eastmont Spanish); Granados, Carlos (El Rio Spanish); Murillo, Liliana (El Sereno Spanish); Brito Josue (Glassell Prk Spanish); Heras, Jaime (Glendale Spanish); Elenes-Galindo, Javier (Glendale West Spanish); Escudero, Arturo (Glendora Spanish); Sanchez, Hugo (Hollywood Spanish); Castillo, Jose (Huntington Park Spanish); Jarquin, Edwin (La Puente Spanish); Joaquin, Antonio (La Voz Sylmar Spanish); Asensio, Roberto (Long Beach Freeman Avenue Spanish); Gaitan, Pablo (Lynwood Spanish); Marcenari, Nixma (Mid City Spanish); Torres, Jorge (Monrovia Spanish); Ramos, Benjamin (Newbury Park Spanish); Ayala, Moises (Panamericana Spanish); Varona, Carlos (Panorama Spanish); Lozano, Ruben (Paramount); Torres, Jesus (Pasadena Spanish); Sanchez, Carlos (San Fernando Spanish); Vodeb, Astrid (San Gabriel Valley Spanish); Acosta, Carlos (Spanish American); Rojas, Jose G (Temple City Spanish); Medina-Albarran, Rosa (West Hollywood Spanish).

Members Absent: Marquez, Augusto (Bell Gardens Spanish); Caceres, Javier (Canoga Park Spanish); Guevara, Francisco (Ebenezer Spanish); UNKNOWN (El Camino a Cristo Spanish); Rodriguez, Ramon (El Monte Spanish); Hernandez, Obdulio (El-Shaddai Spanish); Bellamy, Armando (Hawthorne Spanish); Escobar, Maynor (Highland Park Spanish); Rodas Rosa (La Amistad Spanish); Leyva, Ian (Lancaster Spanish); UNKNOWN (Lighthouse Community); Lima, Antonio (L.A. Portuguese); Quirarte, Juan (Maranata Norwalk Spanish); Cabrera, Antonio (Newhall Spanish); Marquez, Albert (Pico Rivera Bilingual); Vargas, Armando (Pomona Valley Spanish); Ocampo, Alma (Santa Barbara Spanish); Villa, Lidia (Santa Paula Spanish); UNKNOWN (Shalom Spanish); Aguilar, Ada (Silver Lake Spanish); Martinez, Jaime (South Gate Spanish).

LOS ANGELES METRO REGION

Members Present: Smith, Donald (Alhambra); Gonzalez, Luis (All Nations); Nevarez, Isaac (Bellflower-Lakewood); Castillo-Rood, Marcy (Community Adventist Fellowship); Torres, Arthur (Glendale City); Hassinger, Keith (Hawthorne); Hicks, Adam (Journey); Gardner, Cherise (Long Beach); Saquilayan, Laxmi (Norwalk); Zerna, Nestor (Rolling Hills); Flores, Romeo (Sunland-Tujunga); Cline, Frederick (Vallejo Drive); Hall, A.D. (West Covina Hills); Nevarez, Rafael (White Memorial); Bennett, Vincent (Whittier).

Members Absent: Gonzalez, Rick (Downey-Florence); Nair, Krishna (Eagle Rock); Arrogante, Rudy (El Monte); UNKNOWN (Gardena Genesis); Hoffmann, Erika (German-American); Poynter, Brett (Hacienda Heights); Foldvary, Fred (Living Stones); Daley, Harold (L.A. Central City); UNKNOWN (North Hills); UNKNOWN (Pomona); Gurduiala, Anatoliy (Russian-American); UNKNOWN (San Pedro Yugoslavian); Jenson, John (South Bay); Lanier, Thomas (Temple City).

APPENDIX "A" – continued

WEST REGION

Members Present: Kaatz, Jan (Burbank); Thomas, Olan (Camarillo); Withmory, Oscar (Canoga Park Community); Salvador, Neville (Hollywood); Harrison, Keith (Lancaster); Husband, George (Mojave); deAsis, Janet (Northridge); Glaze, Ricardo (Palmdale); Reynolds, Mark (Ridgecrest); Guy, Richard (Santa Clarita); Chase, Marshall (Simi Valley); Joham, Erwin (Tehachapi); Gile, William (The Place Adventist Fellowship); Horton, Paul (Thousand Oaks); Tryer, Andy (Ventura).

Members Absent: Ordonez, Mauricio (Culver City); Alvarez, Erika (Lake of the Woods); UNKNOWN (Moorpark Community); Gardner, David (Ojai Valley); Avitia, Manuel (Oxnard All Nations); Palm, Alex (Santa Barbara); Schroer, Thomas (Santa Monica); UNKNOWN (Sylmar); Sevilla, Jaime (Van Nuys).

APPENDIX "B"

Southern California Conference

2015 SESSION - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Distribution Formula - Guidelines

REGIONS	NON-DENOMINATIONAL EMPLOYEES		DENOMINATIONAL DELEGATES						TOTAL
	LAYPERSONS (10)		MINISTERS (5)		EDUCATORS (4)		OFFICE STAFF (1)		
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
Asian Pacific	1	1	1						3
Greater Los Angeles		1	1			1			3
Hispanic	1	2	1		1	1			6
Los Angeles Metro	2	1	1					1	5
West	1			1		1			3
Total	5	5	4	1	1	3	0	1	20