

MINUTES OF THE PRE-SESSION COMMITTEE OF THE 63<sup>RD</sup> CONSTITUENCY SESSION  
OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Vallejo Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church  
300 Vallejo Drive, Glendale, California

February 20, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT AND PRAYER

Elder Ricardo Graham, Chair  
President, Pacific Union Conference

RECORDING SECRETARY

VOTED, 01-11 to ask the Conference Secretary, Elder Velino A. Salazar, to serve as the recording secretary of the Pre-Session Committee meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL ORIENTATION

Elder Ricardo Graham, 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 63<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

Elder Graham also explained how, in order to follow the conference Bylaws, the allocation of members for the Nominating Committee composition are based on the membership by Regions as of the end of the Third Quarter of the previous year of the Constituency Session, in this case September 30, 2010.

**ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS BY REGIONS TO SERVE ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

NOTED: The members designated to serve on the Nominating Committee were allocated on the following basis:

<u>REGIONS</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u> as of 09/30/10	<u>% of MEMB</u>	<u>% of 20</u>	<u>#NC</u>
Asian Pacific	6,420	14.93	2.986	3
Greater Los Angeles	7,425	17.27	3.454	3
Hispanic	12,410	28.86	5.772	6
Los Angeles Metro	9,730	22.63	4.526	5
West	<u>7,011</u>	<u>16.31</u>	<u>3.262</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>42,996</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>20.000</b>	<b>20</b>

**DISTRIBUTION FORMULA**

VOTED, 02-11 to adopt a proposed Distribution 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, 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, 03-11 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 63<sup>RD</sup> CONSTITUENCY SESSION**

VOTED, 04-11 to approve recommendations from the five sub-committees of the Pre-Session Committee that the following persons serve on the Nominating Committee for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Constituency Session of the Southern California Conference:

- Asian Pacific Region (3)**
- Vinh Nguyen El Monte Vietnamese Church (PASTOR)
  - Shirley Tan Los Angeles Chinese Church
  - Deomelio Zenith Central Filipino Church

**Greater Los Angeles Region (3)**

- Michele A. Scott                      University Church
- Louis Petit-Frere                      Bethel Church (PASTOR)
- Carol Todd                              Breath of Life Church (EDUCATOR)

**Hispanic Region (6)**

- Araceli Diaz                              Lighthouse Community Church (OFFICE STAFF)
- David Guzman, Sr.                      Van Nuys Spanish Church
- Herbert Hernandez                      La Puente Spanish Church (PASTOR)
- Liliana Landaverde                      Central Spanish Church
- Paul Negrete                              Monrovia Spanish Church (EDUCATOR)
- Daniel Ovando                              East Los Angeles Bilingual Church

**Los Angeles Metro Region (5)**

- Violet Bokermann                      Temple City Church
- Myron Counts                              Vallejo Drive Church
- Myriam Salcedo-Gonzalez              All Nations Church (PASTOR)
- Marlene Ramos                              White Memorial Church
- Susan Vlach                                South Bay Church (EDUCATOR)

**West Region (3)**

- David McDuffie                              Ventura Church
- Dennis Stirewalt                              Camarillo Church (PASTOR)
- Sharron J. Crooms                              Camarillo Church (EDUCATOR)

**ALTERNATE REPLACEMENTS IF THE ABOVE PERSONS ARE UNABLE TO SERVE**

VOTED,  
05-11

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*

- Sung Hee Kim Jin                              Glendale Korean Church
- Isi Vunileva                                      Los Angeles Tongan Church

*Alternates for Denominational Employees*

- Jin Choe    Rosemead Korean Church (PASTOR)

**Greater Los Angeles Region**

*Alternates for Laypersons*

- Jacqueline Garcia                              Tamarind Avenue Church

*Alternates for Denominational Employees*

- Albert Dyson                                      Miramonte Boulevard Church (PASTOR)
- Marsha Lee                                        Philadelphian Church (EDUCATOR)

**Hispanic Region**

*Alternates for Laypersons*

- Martha Sarabia                                      Paramount Spanish Church
- Jose Sorto    Central Spanish Church

*Alternates for Denominational Employees*

- Luz Benitez                                        Panamericana Spanish Church
- Jaime Heras                                        Glendale Spanish Church (PASTOR)
- David Olivares                                      Monrovia Spanish Church (EDUCATOR)

**Los Angeles Metro Region**

*Alternates for Laypersons*

- Grace Coleman Long Beach Church
- Douglas Schultz Glendale City Church

*Alternates for Denominational Employees*

- Cherise Gardner Glendale City Church (PASTOR)
- Angela Nair Eagle Rock Church (EDUCATOR)

**West Region**

*Alternates for Laypersons*

- Gerald Moss Van Nuys Church

*Alternates for Denominational Employees*

- Gregory Hoenes Santa Clarita Church (PASTOR)
- Tanya Stotz Simi Valley Church (EDUCATOR)

VOTED,  
06-11

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED,  
07-11

to adjourn. (11:35 a.m.)

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Elder Ricardo Graham

Ricardo Graham, chair  
Velino A. Salazar, recording secretary

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE 63<sup>RD</sup> CONSTITUENCY SESSION  
PRE-SESSION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Sunday, February 20, 2011

*Appendix "A"*

**ASIAN PACIFIC REGION**

**Members Present:** Bolosan, Froilan/San Fernando Valley Filipino; Cho, Charles/Valley United Korean; Choe, Jin Seong/Rosemead Korean; Ferrolino, Dida/Glendale Filipino; Fondevilla, Pliny/Inter Valley Filipino; Kang, Sunny/Glendale Korean; Kim, Young Jin/L.A. Central Korean; Labro, Henry/Crescenta Valley Filipino; Lee, Sung Min/Olympic Korean; Lou, Pete/Hacienda Heights Chinese; Nguyen, Vinh/El Monte Vietnamese; Sacro, Norman/Pasadena; Vunileva, Sonatane/L.A. Tongan; Waworundeng, Albert/Indonesian American; Zenith, Deomelio/Central Filipino.

**Members Absent:** Choi, Tae Jong/Hacienda Korean; Gao, Ming/L.A. Chinese; Guarino, Samuel/Hollydale Community; Gonzales, Agustin/Trinity; Hokama, Dennis/L.A. Central Japanese; Kon, Chuck/L.A. Thai; Lafo, Eliu/Compton Samoan; Lee, Wang Soo/Cerritos Korean; Myers, Daniel/West L.A. Japanese; Osato, Masaharu/Gardena Japanese-American; Zhao, Xing Fan/San Gabriel Valley Chinese; Upper Room Adventist Fellowship\_\_\_.

**GREATER LOS ANGELES REGION**

**Members Present:** Bernard Sr., Garrick/Ephesus; Berry, Marva/Smyrna; Chapman, William/Maranatha; Cush, Howard/Valley Crossroads; Dolcey, Charles/University; Jenkins, Michael/Normandie Avenue; Knight, Byron/Miramonte Blvd.; Lee, Franzie/Fifty Fourth Street; Lloyd, Calvin/Berean; Orozco, Orestes/Hidden Treasures; Petit-Frere, Louis/Bethel; Walker, Stewart/Altadena; White Sr., Major/Tamarind Avenue.

**Members Absent:** Freeman, Nichole/Antelope Valley; McPhaul, Donald/Breath of Life; Simpkins, David/Compton Community; Taylor, Jonathan/New Hope; Washington, Jabari/Delaware Avenue; Whittaker, Robert/Philadelphian.

**HISPANIC REGION**

**Members Present:** Caballero, Eddy/Baldwin Park Bilingual; Canche, Wilbert/Huntington Park Spanish; Carranza, Hilda/Spanish American; Castro, Cruz/Glendale West Spanish; Chavez, Dolores/Glendoria Spanish; Cordova, Xiomara/Highland Park Spanish; Fuerte, Gerardo/Long Beach Spanish; Garcia, Oscar/Hollywood Spanish; Garcia, Ever/Maranata Norwalk Spanish; Gongora, Ligia/Lighthouse Community; Guzman Sr., David/Van Nuys Spanish; Huerta, Javier/El Sereno Spanish; Jarquin, Edwin/La Puente Spanish; Lemus, Fernando/EastMont Spanish; Maldonado, Martha/Glendale Spanish; Marquez, Al/Pico Rivera Bilingual; Mendieta, Sergio/El Rio Spanish; Osorio, Juan/La Voz Sylmar Spanish; Ovando, Daniel/East L.A. Bilingual; Ramos, Hector/El Camino a Cristo Spanish; Ramos, Saul/Lincoln Heights Spanish; Rangel, Juan/Newbury Park Spanish; Robles, Lazaro/South Central L.A. Spanish; Sandoval, Jesse/Pomona Valley Spanish; Sarabia, Martha/Paramount Spanish; Torres, Ronnie/Central Spanish; Varona, Carlos/Alpha & Omega Spanish; Vera, Herald/Panorama Spanish.

**Members Absent:** Alcantara, Paulo/L.A. Portuguese; Andasol, Jose/Silver Lake Spanish; Basto, Carlos/Pasadena Spanish; Caceres, Javier/Canoga Park Spanish; Galeano, Rafael/Temple City Spanish; Guzman, Abdul/Panamericana Spanish; Hernandez, Ruben/Newhall Spanish; Lopez, Lillian/San Gabriel Valley Spanish; Marcenari, Antonio/Mid City Spanish; Martinez, Jaime/Hawthorne Spanish; Martinez, Jaime/South Gate Spanish; Mora, Ramon/Bell Gardens Spanish; Moreno, Felipe/Culver City Spanish; Negrete Jr., Mario/Monrovia Spanish; Ramirez, Hugo/Santa Barbara Spanish; Ramirez Jr., Carlos/San Fernando Spanish; Ramos, Venessa/Santa Paula Spanish; Rodriguez, Ramon/El Monte Spanish; Rubino, Richard/Carson Spanish; Soto, Arturo/La Amistad Spanish; Glassell Park Spanish\_\_\_; Long Beach Westside Spanish\_\_\_; Lynwood Spanish\_\_\_; West Hollywood Spanish\_\_\_.

**LOS ANGELES METRO REGION**

**Members Present:** Arruda, Randy/Living Stones; Bechet, Leonard/Sunland-Tujunga; Benko, Josip/San Pedro Yugoslavian; Bokermann, Violet/Temple City; Counts, Ruth/Vallejo Drive; Garcia, Irene/Downey-Florence; Grant, Franklin/Gardena Community; Gurduiala, Anatoliy/Russian American; Hall, Arnold/West Covina Hills; Hassinger, Keith/Hawthorne; Jenson, John/South Bay; Jobe, Meredith/Glendale City; Kraft, Ronald E./Whittier; Moody Paul/Alhambra; Nair, Krishna/Eagle Rock; Paschal, Anthony/All Nations; Ramos, Gus/White Memorial; Rosenthal, Jeff/Rolling Hills; Yefremian, Christine/German American.

**Members Absent:** Adonis, Darlene/Pomona; Benson, Terry/North Hills; Billones, Bill/El Monte; Coba, Ligia/Community Adventist Fellowship; Daley, Lloyd/L.A. Central City; Gunawan, Anthon/Hacienda Heights; Koh, Ken/Bellflower-Lakewood; O'Connor, James/Norwalk; Perkins, Van/Glendoria; Sigamoney, Rajeev/Long Beach.

**WEST REGION**

**Members Present:** Aitken, John/Van Nuys; Byrne, Kevin/Ojai Valley; Chase, Marshall/Simi Valley; Chea, Amos/Canoga Park; Cruz, Ana/Oxnard All Nations; Gonzalez, Eduardo/Ventura; Hinkle, Milton/Santa Clarita; Kinder, Floyd/Ridgecrest; Lauritzen, Brian/Hollywood; Lowe, David/Camarillo; Lowery, Frank/Santa Monica; Park, Geofry/Sylmar; Peabody, Michael/The Place; Rhaney, Valerie/Thousand Oaks; Thompson, Rose/Burbank; White, Ralph/Culver City.

**Members Absent:** Alvarez, Mitchell/Lake of the Woods; Carrasco, Leslie/Tehachapi; Dahl, Rockne/Palmdale; Johnson, Vance/Santa Barbara; Martin, Floyd/Lancaster; Sellers, George/Northridge; Mojave\_\_\_; Moorpark Community\_\_\_.

**APPENDIX "B"**

Southern California Conference  
2011 SESSION - NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
Distribution Formula

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	2	1	1		1			1	6
Los Angeles Metro	1	2		1		1			5
West	1		1			1			3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>