

107th ANNUAL MEETING - PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Friday, April 17, 2009

1 – 4:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order - Will Davidson, Chair of the PSWC Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.
- II. Opening thoughts/prayer - The chair invited Ron Short, Senior Pastor of the host church, Lakehills Covenant Church to give the welcome and opening prayer.
- III. Organizing for decision making - The chair announced appointments for specific roles during the meeting including the appointment of vice-chair, Valerie McCann Woodson as acting secretary.
- A. Appointment of parliamentarian - Frank Calton, Bayside Covenant, Granite Bay
 - B. Appointment of committees
 - Credentials Chair - Abel Orozco, Great Exchange Sunnyvale
 - Sergeants at Arms Chair - Dan Johnson, Eastside Covenant Church, Tucson
 - Tellers Chair - Bob Balian, Bayside of South Sacramento, South Sacramento
 - C. Report of the Credentials Committee - Abel Orozco, Chair of the Credential Committee, gave the credentials report and made a motion to certify these delegates and those who would subsequently register as the official roster of delegates to the 107th Annual meeting of the Pacific Southwest Conference.

126 delegates representing 66 member churches
3 delegates representing 3 conference institutions
4 delegates representing 4 commissions
19 delegates representing PSWC Executive Board and Staff

1 parliamentarian
153 total delegates certified for voting

7 advisory delegates representing 6 non-member churches
24 advisory delegates who were members of the Ministerium in good standing or representatives of the Evangelical Covenant Church

184 total registrants for the Annual Meeting

- D. Report from the Standing Rules Committee - **MSP**
- E. Approval of agenda - **MSP**
- F. Approval of consent calendar (*all items noted in italics*) - **MSP**

G. *Seating of advisory delegates*

Motion: The Executive Board moves the seating of the following advisory delegates: registered representatives from certified fellowship groups in the PSWC, registered representatives from churches applying for membership in 2009, pastors registering as advisory delegates who are members of the Covenant ministerium in good standing who are not delegates, and representatives of The Evangelical Covenant Church.

H. *Approval of minutes of Annual Meeting 2008*

Motion: The Executive Board recommends approval of the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting held on April 19, 2008, at South Bay Community Church, Fremont, California

IV. *Reports from the Superintendent, PSWC staff, Commissions, Institutions, and Church Plants on Covenant Agreement*

Motion: The Executive Board moves the acceptance of the Report of the Superintendent as distributed and specific ministry areas, institutions, and churches on Covenant Agreement as given in the printed Annual Report.

- V. Update from the Evangelical Covenant Church – John Notehelfer, Interim Executive Minister of Church Growth and Evangelism, gave greetings from the denomination and presented a general overview of ECC ministries with a visual presentation entitled - In it Together.

VI. Fulfilling our mission

- A. Recommendation on churches applying for membership in The Evangelical Covenant Church - Wayne Carlson, Director of Church Planting, introduced the two churches applying for membership in the Evangelical Covenant Church with motions approved as follows:

The Executive Board recommends to the 107th Annual Meeting that Great Exchange Covenant Church of San Francisco be recommended to the Covenant Executive Board for membership in the Evangelical Covenant Church. **MP**

The Executive Board recommends to the 107th Annual Meeting that Fountain of Life Covenant Church be recommended to the Covenant Executive Board for membership in the Evangelical Covenant Church. **MP**

Following the approval of the motions, Pat Stark, Chair of the Church Planting Commission, offered prayer for the churches and the representatives from the new churches.

- B. Ministry stories from church planting - Wayne Carlson introduced church planter, Chuck Wysong, Bayside of West Roseville, to share a ministry story and Walter Contreras introduced Aristides Mendez from Vida Abundante in Sacramento to share a ministry story.
- C. Ministry stories from Veritas - Alan Forsman, Leadership/Congregational Coach, introduced Dan Johnson and Tim Sandquist who shared from their Veritas experience.
- D. Report from Camps and Conference Centers - The chair introduced John Gehring, Executive Director of Alpine to share a visual presentation about the ministry at Alpine. Bryan Hayes, Executive Director of Mission Springs showed a visual presentation that included pictures of the newly completed bridge. He also showed a short video entitled "Joey's Story" about a teenager who attended a camp at Mission Springs for families with special needs.

VII. Resourcing for mission

- A. Treasurer's Report - John Engstrom, Treasurer of the Executive Board and Dan Melgren, Director of Finance and Operations shared a visual presentation of the Treasurers' Report. They reported the selling of one church property and acquisition of three church properties due to church closings and subsequent acquisition of the properties as a joint asset with The Evangelical Covenant Church. They also reported a clean audit opinion given by Capin and Crouse.
- B. Update on Funding Sources - Evelyn Johnson, Superintendent, gave a visual presentation that provided an update on funding sources. She acknowledged the work of Wayne Carson for his efforts in recruiting partner churches for church planting. Evelyn and Wayne presented plaques to Great Exchange Covenant, Sunnyvale, and New Life Covenant Church, San Jose, in recognition of their role in partnering to plant new churches in 2008.
- C. Ministry stories from Covenant Trust Company - Doug Stenger and Jim Engwall, representatives of Covenant Trust Company in the PSWC, introduced Steve Carlson, Turlock, and Jed Hollenbach, Tucson, who shared their experiences related to working with Covenant Trust to do estate planning.
- D. Report of Nominating Commission
1. Presentation of ballot for Executive Board - Steve Wong, Executive Board member, presented the ballot for the Executive Board.
 2. Election - The chair called upon Bob Balian, Chair of Tellers, to explain the voting process and instructed the tellers to distribute the ballots. Delegates voted and tellers collected the ballots.
 3. *Report on Appointment of Commission Members - The Executive Board reports to the 107th Annual Meeting the appointment of Commission members as listed in the report distributed.*

E. Approval of Standing Commissions

Motion: The Executive Board recommends to the 107th Annual Meeting the approval of Standing Commissions for 2009-2014 as follows: Church Planting, Congregational Vitality (merger of Church Development and Christian Formation), Compassion, Mercy, and Justice (merger of Church Outreach and Multiethnic Commissions), Resource Development, and Women Ministries.

VIII. Visioning for mission – Presentation – "Who is My Neighbor?" Greg Yee, Associate Superintendent gave a visual presentation on current issues and future trends. Evelyn led the group in an interactive shared experience of getting to know each other better and sharing how they envision their churches discovering new neighbors.

IX. Advancing the Mission

A. Funding mission priorities -

1. Wayne Carlson gave a presentation concerning Las Vegas as an area of focus for the conference.
2. Greg Yee introduced Mae Cannon, Chair of the board for the Mosaic Center who shared information about the center and encouraged the churches to invite the speakers from the speakers bureau to speak at their churches. Greg also shared information and a video on j2m².

B. Proposed budget for 2010/Action - Dan Melgren presented the budget.

Motion: The Executive Board moves for the adoption of the proposed 2010 budget of \$2,087,300 in expenses and \$2,087,300 in income including \$240,000 drawdown from Mission Expansion Investment Fund. **MP**

C. Other Business - Frank Riley, delegate from River 47, Orange, presented his proposal that would allow delegates for the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Church to vote via proxy.

Motion: That the information sheet titled "Delegates and Proxy Votes: be referred to the PSWC for study, editing and recommendations, the results to be presented to the 2010 PSWC Annual Meeting for possible vote and forwarding to the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church as a motion of the Pacific Southwest Conference. **MSP**

X. Partnering in Mission – Covenant Enabling Residence/Escalon - Susan Paulson, Escalon Covenant Church, and Ron Dixon, Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, shared a video on the Escalon Covenant Enabling Residence projected for development at the site of Escalon Covenant Church.

XI. Sending forth

A. Election results/prayer of consecration - Bob Balian, the Chair of the Tellers, reported the result of the election as follows: Pamela Christiansen, Brian Kim, Stan Long, and Bill MacPhee were all elected to the board. Steve Wong offered prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for the newly elected Executive Board members.

B. Report on Conference delegates to Covenant Annual Meeting – The Executive Board reports the appointment of Evelyn M.R. Johnson, Wayne Carlson, and Max Villalobos as delegates for the Pacific Southwest Conference to the 124th Annual Meeting of The Evangelical Covenant Church in June 2009 and Meagan Gillan as alternate.

C. Recommendation regarding approval of 2009 Annual Meeting minutes

Motion: The Executive Board recommends that the officers of The Executive Board approve the minutes of the 107th Annual Meeting for distribution to member churches.

D. Expressions of Appreciation - Max Villalobos expressed appreciation on behalf of the Pacific Southwest Conference to outgoing board members Valerie McCann Woodson and Steve Wong. He also recognized the hardworking staff from PSWC, Pastor Ron Short and the great team from Lakehills Covenant Church.

E. Date and location of next year's meeting – Bryan Hayes invited the conference to attend next year's annual meeting on April 22-24 at Mission Springs Camp and Conference Center near Santa Cruz.

XII. Adjournment - **MSP** at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie McCann Woodson, Acting Secretary

NOTE: A consent calendar will be used to facilitate handling of routine matters of business. All items noted in italics have actual motions printed in this final agenda. The consent items will be approved as one motion without discussion unless a delegate requests that one or more items be taken off the consent calendar. Any item taken off the consent calendar will be handled separately in the order it appears on the agenda.