

**MINUTES OF THE PRE-SESSION COMMITTEE OF THE 65th CONSTITUENCY SESSION
OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS**

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

July 14, 2019

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 Brad Newton, Chair
Secretary, Pacific Union Conference

RECORDING SECRETARY

VOTED, to ask the Conference Secretary, Elder John H. Cress, to serve as the recording secretary of
01-19 the Pre-Session Committee meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL ORIENTATION

Elder Brad Newton, 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 65th 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 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 previous year of the Constituency Session, in this case December 31, 2018.

ALLOCATION FORMULA

VOTED, 02-19 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>REGIONS</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP as of 12/31/18</u>	<u>% of MEMB</u>	<u>% of 20</u>	<u>#NC</u>
Asian Pacific	6,137	15.21	3.04	3
Greater Los Angeles	6,670	16.53	3.31	3
Hispanic	12,483	30.93	6.19	6
Los Angeles Metro	8,713	21.59	4.32	5
West	<u>6,358</u>	<u>15.75</u>	<u>3.15</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTALS	40,361	100.00%	20.00	20

DISTRIBUTION FORMULA

VOTED 03/19 to adopt a proposed Distribution Formula of the 20 Nominating Committee members as guidelines 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, 04-19 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 65th CONSTITUENCY SESSION

**VOTED,
05-19**

to approve recommendations from the five sub-committees of the Pre-Session Committee that the following persons serve on the Nominating Committee for the 65th Constituency Session of the Southern California Conference:

Asian Pacific Region (3)

■ Paul Cho	Chino Valley Chinese Church (Pastor)
■ Dennis Imai	Gardena Japanese American Church
■ Angelina Regoso	Glendale Filipino Church

Greater Los Angeles Region (3)

■ Ira Barksdale	Maranatha/Miramonte Churches (Pastor)
■ Cassandra Hudson-Johnson	Philadelphian Church (Educator)
■ Deborah Fountain	Tamarind Avenue Church

Hispanic Region (6)

■ Adrian Casas	Lincoln Heights Spanish Church
■ Brenda Garcia	Panamericana Church
■ Cindy Negrete	Monrovia Spanish Church
■ Ellis Flores	El Monte Spanish Church (Pastor)
■ Mario Negrete, Jr.	Monrovia Spanish Church (Educator)
■ Suny Lopez	Camarillo Church (Educator)

Los Angeles Metro Region (5)

■ Jesus Noland	Temple City Church
■ Daniel Dik	Alhambra Church
■ Nurul Santosa	Living Stones Church
■ Jillian Lutes	West Covina Church (Pastor)
■ Mary Segura	West Covina Church (Educator)

West Region (3)

■ Riva Robinson, Jr.	Santa Barbara Church (Pastor)
■ Richard Guy	Santa Clarita Church
■ Ronda Harrison	Lancaster Church (SCC Staff–Woman)

ALTERNATE REPLACEMENTS IF THE ABOVE PERSONS ARE UNABLE TO SERVE

**VOTED,
06-19**

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

■ Melven Tolbing	Indonesian American Church
■ Cherlyn Fernandez	International Church

Alternates for Denominational Employees

■ Samuel Gaurino	Hollydale Community Church (Pastor)
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Greater Los Angeles Region

Alternates for Laypersons

■ Greer Bosworth Breath of Life Church

Alternates for Denominational Employees

■ John A Trusty Valley Cross Roads (Pastor)

■ Darrilyn Peak Normandie Ave. Church (Educator)

Hispanic Region

Alternates for Laypersons

■ Saul Ramos Lincoln Heights Spanish Church

■ Lorena Piedra Glendora Spanish Church

Alternates for Denominational Employees

■ Carlos Ramirez La Voz Sylmar Spanish (Pastor)

■ Cabel Bumanglag Monrovia Spanish Church (Educator)

■ Grecia Benitez-Campos Central Spanish Church (Educator)

Los Angeles Metro Region

Alternates for Laypersons

■ Charles Hartie Alhambra Church

■ Lorraine Scruggs El Monte Church

Alternates for Denominational Employees

■ Celeste Harrison South Bay Church (Pastor)

■ Diane Voigt South Bay Church (Educator)

West Region

Alternates for Laypersons

■ Geoffrey Meager The Place Fellowship

Alternates for Denominational Employees

■ Simon Liversidge The Place Fellowship (Pastor)

■ Danielle De Asis Northridge Church (SCC Staff–Woman)

ADJOURNMENT

**VOTED,
07-19**

to adjourn. (12:45 p.m.)

CLOSING PRAYER

Bradford Newton, chair*
John H. Cress, recording secretary

* Elder Bradford Newton was the designee by the Pacific Union Conference President to chair this committee.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE 65TH CONSTITUENCY SESSION
PRE-SESSION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Appendix "A"

ASIAN PACIFIC REGION

Members Present: Miguel, Alfonso (Central Filipino); Hokama, Patricia (Central Japanese-American Community); Kang, Thomas D. (Cerritos Korean); Cho, Paul (Chino Valley Chinese); Nguyen, Vinh (El Monte Vietnamese); Fajilan, Johmy (Glendale Filipino); Gaurino, Samuel (Hollydale Community); Tobing, Melvin (Indonesian-American); Padaong, Jimmy (Inter-Valley Filipino); Abejuela, Edison (International); Taton, Rhendson (Light Above); Young, Peter (L.A. Cantonese); Halatanu, Falanisi (L.A. Tongan); Camato, Kevin (Upper Room Fellowship).

Members Absent: Talaepa, Vilivili (Compton-Samoan); Legaspi, Rodolfo (Crescenta Valley Filipino); Murotani, Hiroshi (Gardena Japanese American); Choe, Timothy (Glendale Korean); UNKNOWN (Hacienda Korean); Park, Elvin (L.A. Central Korean); Gao, Ming (L.A. Chinese); Hwang, Hyun Joo (Olympic Korean); Glaze, Ariel (Pasadena); Im, Tai Kyung (Rosemead Korean); Malit, Ismael (San Fernando Valley Filipino); Fun, Frankie (San Gabriel Valley Chinese); UNKNOWN (Trinity); UNKNOWN (Valley United Korean); Inouye, Fred (West L.A. Japanese).

GREATER LOS ANGELES REGION

Members Present: Sinclair, Carl (Altadena); Gourdine, Glenda (Antelope Valley); Lloyd, Calvin (Berean); Hamilton, Eugene (Breath of Life); Starks, Rochon (Compton Community); Settle, Angela (Delaware Avenue); Garnett, Adolphus (Fifty-Fourth Street); Flores, Oscar (Hidden Treasures); Barksdale, Ira (Maranatha); McCowan, Ronald (Miramonte Boulevard); Simmons, David (Normandie Avenue); Johnson, Cassandra (Philadelphian); Fountain, Deborah (Tamarind Avenue); Fariior, John (University); Spence, Gregory (Valley Crossroads).

Members Absent: Griffith, Audrey (Bethel); Bernard, Garrick (Ephesus); Taylor-Gaskin, Floretta (New Hope); Stewart, Trevor (Smyrna).

HISPANIC REGION

Members Present: Caballero, Natanael (Baldwin Park Bilingual); Garcia, Heleodoro (Central); Solis, David (East L.A. Biligual); Cruz, Yvette (EastMont); Gonzalez, Jose Manuel (El Camino a Cristo); Flores, Ellis (El Monte); Mendieta, Sergio (El Rio); Murillo, Liliana (El Sereno); Cornejo, Arturo (El Shaddai); Romero, Anna (Glendale West); Del Pozo, Sam (Glendora); Liñan-Olivera, Luis (Hollywood); Castillo, Jose (Huntington Park); Olguin, Emmanuel (Kaleo); Rios, Fernando (La Amistad); Jarquin, Edwin (La Puente); Ramirez, Carlos (La Voz Sylmar); Ramos, Saul (Lincoln Heights); Gonzalez, German (Long Beach); Alves, Henrique (L.A. Portuguese); Aguilar, Martha (Mid City); Negrete, Cindy (Monrovia); Torres, Vicente (Newhall); Marquez, Albert (Pico Rivera Bilingual); Ramirez, Leslie (Santa Barbara); Guzman, David (Spanish-American).

Members Absent: Castañaza, Daniel (Adonai); Benitez, Moises (Bell Gardens); Escudero, Arturo (Carson); Martinez, Luis (Culver City); Guevara, Francisco (Ebenezer); Salas, Gladys (Glassell Park); Parra, Juan (Glendale); Roblero, Stephanie (Hawthorne); Landaverde, Alan (Highland Park); Ascencio, Miguel (Lancaster); Torres, Carol (Los Olivos); Alvarez, Fermin (Lynwood); Casali, Riquelme (Newbury Park); Oliva, Hector (Panamericana); Rivera, Rolando (Panorama); Sanchez, Fernando (Pasadena); Lozano, Ivan (Paramount); Del Pozo, Sam (Pomona Valley); Mosqueda, Cynthia (San Fernando); Castillo, Evangelina (San Gabriel Valley); Celada, Luis (Shalom); Jimenez, Alejandro (South Gate); Miguel, Josue (Temple City); Linares, Doris (Van Nuys); Funes, Raul (West Hollywood).

LOS ANGELES METRO REGION

Members Present: Ceballos, Christina (Alhambra); Haynes, Carol (All Nations); Rood, Marcy (Community Adventist); Famisaran, Christopher (Downey-Florence); Taimi, Judy (Gardena Genesis Community); Schultz, Sandra (Glendale City); Hicks Adam (Journey); Clark, Juanita (Living Hope); McGilchrist, Charles (Living Stones); Lawrence, Pati (Long Beach); Andrade, George (North Hills); Towns, Nathan (Rolling Hills); Gumienny, Valentina (Russian-American); Jenson, John (South Bay); Flores, Romeo (Sunland-Tujunga); Baptiste, Peter (Temple City); Paquini, Rogelio (West Covina Hills); Brown, Daniel (White Memorial); Morris, Lewston (Whittier).

Members Absent: Cockfield, Elouise (Bellflower-Lakewood); Afenir, Immeldo (Eagle Rock); UNKNOWN (El Monte); Yefremian, Christine (German-American); Rosenthal, Jeff (Hacienda Heights); Capili, Michael (Hawthorne); Flores, Susuky (Norwalk); Pidoux, Rene (Vallejo Drive).

WEST REGION

Members Present: Stoltz, Branden (Burbank); Joham, Erwin (Camarillo); McCall, William (Canoga Park Community); Chase, Sharon (Culver City); Salvador, Neville (Hollywood); Harrison, Keith (Lancaster); Sellers, George (Northridge); Hagy, Gayland (Ojai Valley); Avitia, Manuel (Oxnard All Nations); Glaze, Ricardo (Palmdale); Haywood, John (Ridgecrest); Robinson, Riva (Santa Barbara); Whitley, Norman (Santa Clarita); Oi, Karen (Santa Monica); Vago, David (Simi Valley); Napod, Justin (Sylmar); Carrasco, Leslie (Tehachapi); Wolcott, Deane (The Place Adventist Fellowship); Reinach, Alan (Thousand Oaks); Sevilla, Jaime (Van Nuys); Tryer, Andrew (Ventura).

Members Absent: Vasquez, Ralph (High Desert); Alvarez, Mitchell (Lake of the Woods);

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2019 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	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