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News BREAKS

New Atwater pastor

Following a July 31 meeting with Atwater's Pastor Parish Relations Committee, retired pastor Floyd Castillo has been tapped as an interim pastor for the church, according to the Fresno District Office. He replaces John Motz, who quit the denomination. Castillo retired in 1998 as a Local Pastor at Highland Chapel UMC in Lake Isabella. Before that, he served Tehachapi Valley UMC in 1988 and '89.

New e-mail addresses

In connection with the new Conference domain name, *calnevumc.org*, people with offices in the UM Center in West Sacramento are getting new e-mail addresses. These include Conference staff members, the Delta District office and the United Methodist Foundation. Individuals new addresses are their first name and last initial with no space between. To reach Paul Extrum-Fernandez, type *paulef@calnevumc.org*. The Delta District office is *deltadist@calnevumc.org*. Bishop Melvin Talbert is at *bishop@calnevumc.org*. The changed addresses will be reflected in the 2000 Journal, which is at the printer, now. The six District Offices which now have AOL addresses will change, but when that will happen has not been announced.

New church

Getting mail to the new Half Moon Bay Community UMC facility will be easy. It's at the same address as the existing 1872 vintage structure. Ground was broken July 23 for the new building. First worship in it is anticipated in November, 2001. Meantime, the church continues to hold three services each Sunday in the current 90-person sanctuary, which will become a chapel.

Jubilee brings out the best



UM Review/Ted Langdell
Flanked by an interpreter, Serafin Dura, daughters Edith, 3, and Fabiola, 8, are introduced to a thousand people by Habitat for Humanity Santa Rosa's John Davenport, Wednesday, Aug. 2, before Habitat founder Millard Fuller spoke. The Durans are soon to be owners of the Habitat house "blitz-built" during Jubilee.

Top speakers, preachers, musicians inspire at event of year

By Ted Langdell

More than 1,200 people turned out for Jubilee 2000, the Conference-wide spiritual event of the year, held last week

at Sonoma State University near Santa Rosa. While there, people lifted their spirits through gifted preaching, marvelous music and inspired instruction from a diverse

group of clergy and lay preachers.

Jubilee is found in Leviticus,

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Departing Bishop sums up 12 years

Churches have continued diverse ministry during controversial times

By Review Staff

As Bishop Melvin Talbert's 12 years in the California-Nevada Annual Conference draw to a close, the *Review* invited him to share some final thoughts with readers.

During a back-row conversation at a Jubilee evening worship, Talbert said that despite recent spikes of controversy and turmoil in the Conference itself, "there has been some good ministry going on in our local churches." That was what he wanted people to remember as he leaves the Conference's top leadership position. Asked for examples, the Bishop pointed to his "State of the Conference" address given at Annual Conference Session, June 14—the same day that forty years before, he'd been or-

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Conference communications to change

Review's last issue to be Sept. 29, transition to newsletter, electronic news distribution under way

By Review Staff

Shifts are ahead for *Review* readers, as the Conference begins to act on the results of a Conference-wide communications audit which surveyed people from all levels of California-Nevada United Methodism.

In an announcement, the Conference Communications Committee said, "The Communica-

tions Committee met July 29 to discuss implementation of the Conference Communications Audit recommendations."

"One of the more significant recommendations the national church's Communications Resourcing Team made—from your input—was for the Conference to publish its own newspaper, locally."

"To make that kind of change immediately is beyond our scope at present. We are not quite ready to do that. But, beginning October 1, we will start offering an interim publication."

This will be sent *without charge* to all our current *Review* subscribers. In the format of *Newscope*, it will incorporate news of our districts and events

within the Conference. In addition, it will begin to incorporate some of the items currently distributed in the Coordinated Mail envelope."

"This publication will be mailed to all of those currently receiving the Coordinated Mail

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Videos about caring and compassion at Media Center

By Patricia Strandburg
Media Resource Center

This month's update highlights a number of videos about compassion and caring suitable for various viewers.

For children, "Close Encounters with the Beatitudes" (VCJ-311) helps intermediate and junior high students think about practical ways to live the Beatitudes. Jimmy thinks the Beatitudes are too hard to understand, but when he dozes off, an angel helps him see how some of his classmates are already living the Beatitudes. He makes a commitment to live these teachings of Jesus in his own life.



For young adults, "The Big Picture" (VCW-829) is a Bible study series and video curriculum for 5 or 13 sessions. The series is packed with real-life stories and even stand-up comedy. Every episode contains practical answers from Phil Callaway on tough issues men and women face today. Episode 1 - The Peter Principle - requires viewers to analyze their faith and discover how their love, compassion, and personal faith can influence those in the world who are constantly seeking for truth.

Adults will benefit from "In The Grit and Grace of Being a Caregiver: Maintaining Your Balance as You care for Others"

(VCM-644). Jim Miller shares from his experiences as his wife recovered from cancer. The video uses nature photography to illustrate seven paradoxical principles of healthy care giving. It concludes with an affirmation of life-giving possibilities care giving can provide.

Stephen Ministries Presents (VCC-542.1 & .2) describe the program and benefits of Stephen Ministry. True stories in these videos show the healing, joy, and renewed lives that God brings through Stephen Ministry—not only for those who receive care, but also for those who serve.

The Ecumenical Media Resource Center is supported by a number of denominations, the largest of which is the California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Annual funding from the Conference helps subsidize memberships for Conference churches. Small UM churches of less than 250 members can join for \$50 a year compared to \$70. Large UM churches of more than 250 pay just \$160 compared to \$180.

Membership provides catalogs of video and other media resources, and enables each church to have free use of a variety of educational materials, including hundreds of videos, audio cassettes, records

(remember those) films, film strips, print materials and curriculum packages that address all kinds of needs.

The only cost to member churches is UPS shipping to and from the church.

Currently, 126 Conference UMCs belong: 51 large and 75 small churches.

To obtain the videos described this month, a resource catalog or membership information, contact the Nor/Cal Ecumenical Media Resource Center (408) 984-4922, fax (408) 246-4125, visit the website at www.gbmg-umc.org/emrc.org send e-mail to crmcvideos@aol.com.

Quick notes

Oroville choir director needed

A part-time Chancel Choir Director is needed one morning and one evening per week at Oroville United Methodist Church. To request an application and more detailed job description, contact Elaine Klein, Chairperson Staff Parish Committee, Oroville UMC, PO Box 5700 Oroville, California 95966, call (530) 534-9455) or e-mail aecklein@cnet.net

Free mahogany pews

Following recent remodeling, Palo Alto UMC has to find a new home for some of their sanctuary seating. The pews are mahogany color with almost new blue-grey upholstery. There are three rows, 12 pieces. Seats and backs are fully upholstered, and six pieces have hymnal racks, communion cup, guest and pencil holders. The comfortable seats are 18" deep. Six measure 80" long, and six are 172" long. All are 40" high and have 19" wide ends. For details contact Evelyn Berk, Church Business Administrator, First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto, 625 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94025 (650) 323-6167 or fax (650) 323-3923 or e-mail finceberk@aol.com.

See what's in the next issue before it arrives!

Go to the Conference website www.gbmg-umc.org/canv and click your mouse on the Conference News Page link

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Seeks followup on churches where ERF pastors departed

Dear Editor:

I am a subscriber to the United Methodist Review. I wonder how many ERF are subscribers?

It would be wonderful to see as many articles on those who remain in the churches with their new pastors and their positive, forward approach as opposed to the negative victim approach I read in your articles regarding those who have chosen a different path.

You might be surprised to see that those of us who remain are alive and well and growing in God's LOVE!

Ruby Buck, Foothills UMC
Rescue, (Cameron Park) CA

Coming in the Sept. 1 Review:

Meet new Bishop Beverly Shamana, find out what happened the last few days of Jubilee, and learn more about our changing Conference.

Conference's Primary Task

Our Primary Task is to provide and/or nurture listening, learning, teaching Christian spiritual leaders, both residential and itinerant, for each local congregation and for extension ministries.

—Adopted 1999 Annual Conference Session

New Review e-mail address
news@calnevumc.org

Article deadlines for UM Review

*Note: dates have changed

Sept. 1 items by Aug. 18

Sept. 15 items by Sept. 1

Sept. 29 items by Sept. 14

New print/ e-mail publication deadlines to be announced.

Seeking your input

The Cal-Nevada UM Review accepts stories and Letters to the Editor for most of its editions, and tries to publish as many as possible.

We do reserve the right, however, to publish items on a space-available basis, and to edit submissions for length and content.

If there are scores of letters presenting both sides of a contentious topic, we reserve the right to use excerpts from a variety of letters in a column on this page, giving equal space to varying points of view.

Send submissions to UM Review Editor, P.O. Box 980250, West Sacramento CA 95798-0250, or to UM Review Editor at news@calnevumc.org.

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BISHOP: Good things are happening in our local churches

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dained a Methodist Deacon.

In looking back at his dozen years as San Francisco Area Bishop, Talbert said, "We kept before us the vision of *one table for all*, without exceptions. This vision is at the core of who we are as a church and as a people. To lose it is to become other than who we profess to be."

"During the past year, we experienced *Quest* principles being applied at various levels of our Conference life. We are thinking, acting and living in new ways."

Talbert noted the fallout from an investigation committee's decision that there were complaints against 67 pastors would not be turned into charges for performing a holy union for two women in 1999. "No further steps could be taken according to church law," he said. Later, six clergy defied his request that they not send letters to local church leaders that asked churches to withhold apportionments in protest. Complaints were filed against the six pastors. Three have left the UMC. "So, the struggle continues," Talbert said.

"However, there are some very significant and exciting ministries and opportunities on the horizon: Jubilee 2000 is unfolding. Over 900 people (*1,200 as of the first full day*—Ed) have registered for this exciting event."

"Conference agencies are continuing their experimentation of coloring *outside the lines*. They are operating under the suspension of their rules so that new approaches can be used in planning and in decision-making."

"The United Methodist foundation has employed a director of Stewardship who will begin this new ministry July 1. The foundation has held this vision before us for the past four years. We are now ready to resource pastors and congregations in this critical area of stewardship ministries."

"During the past year, United Methodist Communications (UMCOM), Nashville, assisted us in conducting a Communications Audit," the Bishop reported. Through focus groups and more than a thousand returned surveys, 25 recommendations were developed to improve communication and sharing of information. "Some of the recommendations are being implemented now. Others will require further study and reflection." A recommended Conference level staff position for communications was approved at ACS and a search in progress.

"Mission giving to our connec-

tion is still a challenge for us. We must find ways to increase the level of our commitment to our connectional vision for witness and mission in the years ahead."

"Even as we face tensions, challenges and struggles, there are many exciting things to report: I participated in the chartering of three new congregations—Oakland Fala Maama, Milpitas Genesis, and Berkeley Korean."

"The Bishop's Confirmation Retreats are still a popular attraction for young people and congregations," he said.

Youth, Camping, and the Volunteers-in-Mission programs are still expanding, Talbert noted.

"*FaithQuest* is being well received in congregations, a new task force on Hispanic Ministries has been named to connect the resources of the National Hispanic Plan to the emerging Hispanic Ministries in this Conference. Oakland Downs and Milpitas Genesis serve as leadership centers for the *Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century* initiative."

"The Walnut Creek sponsored Conference initiative to build a Youth House in Sarajevo is happening."

"New Fellowship and Ministries are beginning: Citrus Heights Korean Fellowship, Sacramento Wesleyan Hmong Fellowship, Hispanic Ministry in the Colusa/Glenn Cluster involving Maxwell, Willows, Arbuckle, Colusa and Knights Landing. Financial resources are coming from the San Francisco-Central congregation."

Oakland Shattuck has launched a new feeding ministry with the homeless, and an after school ministry with children. Also, the people are envisioning the future of that congregation in the face of uncertain structural problems, forcing worship from the sanctuary to the social hall. Potter Valley has started a new ministry with Senior Citizens, with a grant from Beulah Home Funds.

Many congregations are expanding facilities and outreach ministries. San Francisco Jones is leading a *Stop the Violence* program with Baptist churches in the community. Carlin has grown to the point of supporting a full-time pastor, the first time in modern

memory. Sacramento Japanese and Sacramento Florin are constructing new fellowship halls. Firebaugh-Mendota has added a new fellowship hall and kitchen. Los Gatos has 75 members in Christ Care groups; Porterville Grand Ave. has added a new fellowship hall and kitchen. San Francisco Bethany began using the Call to Discipleship after each sermon.

New members increased 100% over last year's intake. The Sparks Tongan group has broken ground to build a new facility on its thirteen-acre parcel of land. Clovis United Japanese Christian has started its new building phase. San Jose Santa Clara

Valley gave \$60,000 to missions, over and above 100% giving to apportionments. Visalia has started a Saturday evening Seeker Service averaging over 100 in attendance, with a *Kid Zone* for children and free pizza. Cone, located in the middle of an orchard along side Hwy. 99, will break ground to construct its \$150,000 multipurpose building. Los Altos gave a \$250,000 tithe to Milpitas Genesis. Sanger sponsored a Central San Joaquin Valley Tongan Feast with dancers. The youth group called *Sifa's Crew* stole the show. Palo Alto First gave \$30,000 to Fremont First Chinese, \$30,000 to expand Conference Camping facilities and \$30,000 to "Hope for the Children of Africa", a title of its capital funds drive. Yuba City First commissioned five Stephen Ministers on

Palm Sunday, increasing their total of fifteen. San Rafael First is reaching out to a fellowship of Fijian Methodists in Marin County to launch a Head Start Ministry. Oakland Rockridge is attacking the problem of housing on several fronts—a new co-housing facility (called) the Mustard Seed Mission, and a transforming ministry with ex-homosexuals. St. Helena raised \$12,000 to support a mission project called *Women's Opportunity Fund* which empowers poor women to become self-sufficient in more than eighteen countries. Martinez, with other churches, sponsors ten ex-youth offenders to college to give them a chance to break the cycle of drugs and violence. Chico Aldersgate has launched a *Fifty Day Adventure* program around the theme *Celebrate Jesus*. Over 100 adults plus youth and children have been meeting in small groups to pray, share, witness and care for each other."

These are but a few examples of the vital ministries going on in our congregations."

About General Conference action on homosexuality and the church, Talbert told Annual Conference Session, "Personally, I still say the position of our church is wrong on this issue. So, I shall continue advocating for change because I believe it is the right and just thing to do. In the meantime, our General Conference has spoken. It is the only body that can speak for our church. So, we must find ways to work together to advance our common mission in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ."

He noted that the church is not of one mind on homosexuality, and recalled that it was not of one mind on the issues of slavery, race, or the role and place of women. "But the struggle for change continued from within," he said, "while we main-

tained our common witness. I suggest the same for us now."

He quoted jailed Chicago Area Bishop Joseph Sprague following a "stand-in" protest about those General Conference actions. Sprague pleaded for United Methodists to: do no holy union services, not withhold apportionments, any racist or sexist behavior, gambling, heterosexual infidelity, failure to tithe (our) personal money, or reluctance to worship, study and pray regularly, among other things.

Talbert said, "Let's stop fighting each other; let's stop hurting each other; let's stop mistreating and dehumanizing each other; let's stop thwarting God's Will for us as we chart our course for the future. Let's covenant to love each other, even though we have genuine theological and political differences. Let's covenant with each other to uphold our commitments to our denomination while we continue working for justice for all."

Talbert added, "We have much to celebrate. We are doing so many good things in our churches, in our communities and through our connection around the world. Even in the face of many difficulties and challenges, we are finding ways to be faithful to the gospel by being in ministry together. Let's find ways to so better and to live together in peace, even though we have differences," he said.

"Why are we doing all these things? I believe we are doing these things and much more *all because of Jesus*. Cynthia Wilson captures the spirit and message of my closing thoughts in her song:

All because of Jesus, all because of love, we will share the vision, shining down from above. All because of Jesus, our Lord Emmanuel, we'll join our hands together and give the gift of ourselves."



Bishop Melvin Talbert

CHANGES: E-mail and web to serve

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packet and to our current list of Review subscribers. This new publication format will also be available electronically.

If you are a current subscriber and have e-mail, please send us your e-mail address with a message subject of "Here's my e-mail address", and we will be glad to include you in the database we will be developing to meet your needs. The message should be sent to signmeup@calnevumc.org.

"We recognize that while our committee sets into motion all the

planning necessary to publish locally, that we need an interim publication. We hope it meets your needs and that you continue to provide input from your local church to share with others. We have a lot to learn from and share with each other."

"If you have any questions, please direct them to Conference Communications Committee Chair Aurelius Lindeen at 14144 Tahoe View Dr., Grass Valley, CA, 95945. She can be reached by e-mail at amlin@gv.net."

Signed/Communications Committee."

Developing a method of automating e-mail subscriptions is also being organized, so people who are not on either current list are able to subscribe to the electronic versions.

The committee hopes that the publication that replaces the Review will be ready in six to eight months. That will give time to assess how the new forms of information distribution are working, and for the recently approved Communications Coordinator to be hired and to settle in. A search committee has been named by the Conference Council on Ministries.

JUBILEE: Week of learning, laughing, living more spiritually

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Chapter 25 as told to Moses by God on Mt. Sinai. To be observed by the Hebrews every 50th year, Hebrew slaves (but not "heathen" or non-Hebrew slaves) were to be freed, alienated lands returned to original owners and the fields left uncultivated to allow rest for the land, plants and animals.

In keeping with the modern-day definition of the word, this Jubilee was a celebration of United Methodism, God's Love and learning rolled into one.

Kicked off Tuesday, Aug. 8 by the beginning of a "blitz-build" housing project in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity (See story on this page), the first evening program featured music with Jim and Jean Strathdee, touring United Methodist musicians based at St. Mark's UMC in Sacramento.

The spiritual theme for the mass worship services was the Lord's Prayer... "Our Father, who art in heaven..." presented phrase by phrase on banners hung behind the stage with each new speaker.

Pastor Mariellen Sawada of Wesley UMC, San Jose explored praying to God in her sermon, Wednesday night.

Recounting the prayers of her Japanese grandmother, Sawada said "she prayed with hope... with belief" for her family, many of whom became Christian.

Her voice rising, Sawada said a "huge, big Cosmic God with an address that Heaven, and an earthly relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ is who we need to pray to, when you think about it! Because if you pray to small, limp God... mediocre, maybe can't really care all that much God... God who is only as good as the last result... If you think maybe its the God who is limited... who is God only in certain situations... If that is to whom we pray, then all our prayers are just wishes," she said emphatically, "just desires."

"If God was any less than 'Big Huge Cosmic God', then my grandmother's prayers would have been meaningless against the hostility and hurt of her family," Sawada asserted.

"That is something that we need to think about," she said, "because the stuff in the Lord's Prayer to God is powerful and life-changing. It is revolutionary!"

Just retired from 36 years at 8,000 member Glide UMC in San Francisco, the Rev. Cecil Williams woke people up Wednesday morning to the point that they were

hollering "Yes" and "Amen" and were applauding various points.

"When we begin to talk about the Kingdom, what we must understand is that the Kingdom of God all ways powers its people!" Williams said, pounding the last five words as though he were driving nails into a post.

"People become powerful when the Kingdom is alive... and they become stilted... boring and dry and dull when the Kingdom is not alive."

"Thy Kingdom come... Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," said Williams, "and it seems to me we ought to get a little joy out of that."

Williams warned that thinking "our way is the only way" is the way "that we lose people, and abuse people, and misuse people, and send them some other place."

"And it seems to me that their place is my place, and my place is their place is my place," Williams said to scattered calls of "Yes" and "Right". "So what I do is get courage from the power," Williams said to "live my 'I Am-ness', as a person he quoted called it.

Gifted musician/songwriter Ken Medema (Med'-eh-ma) shared the Wednesday morning worship with Williams, then opened and closed the evening session in the gym with 45 minutes of interaction.

In a reggae-style song about rehabilitating the earth, Medema had the audience clapping as he sang: "Do you suppose we can work hand in hand? Caring for all the people and caring for all the land. We've a long way to go, but I know how we shall start. See all the world through a Christ-humble heart."

Medema created a 700-strong chorus for the refrain, about turning it over and turning it around. Then they followed him and laughed through funny vocal variations on the song's last line "Love and Justice we will do," including "Lutheran", operatic and "good ole country boy" renditions.

Before the evening was over, his music had Bishop Talbert dancing a few steps with a young girl from an adjacent seat. Medema closed with a rousing song that got most of the folks into a conga line, which snaked through the aisles, up into the bleachers and under an arch of arms two women formed across an aisle at the back of the gym.

After that, the fresh air and stars overhead were a welcome change on the short walk to hear "Say-So" at the campus coffee house.



Wednesday's late-night crowd in the Jubilee coffee house hears Say-So's Jim Thomas play while wife Kim shows young and older hand motions to go with a song the duo will perform the next night in the gym with speaker Tony Campolo. The pair's music has been heard on Dawson's Creek, Party of Five and Baywatch, as well as secular and Christian radio

Ted Langdell photo

Habitat House 'blitz-build' in five days

Habitat for Humanity founder praises United Methodists

By Review Staff

Work on a core Jubilee project began even before attendees began arriving after noon Tuesday, Aug. 8. Volunteers in Mission descended on a partly constructed house in Santa Rosa. That's where Serafin and Adela Duran will call "home", soon, as a result of Habitat for Humanity, many United Methodist's work hours, and their own labor. When the keys change hands, the Durans, their daughters Edith and Fabiola will move from a rented apartment in Windsor. Serafin Duran is a worker at Rued Vineyards in Healdsburg, north of Santa Rosa on US Hwy. 101. His wife is battling cancer, and wasn't up to attending their introduction at Jubilee.

Ground was broken for the Duran's home, March 11. Volunteers from the Santa Rosa area worked on Saturdays to prepare the foundation and infrastructure, with the intent of "blitz-building" most of the home during the five day Jubilee. The "blitz-build" project revitalized the Sonoma County HfH according to building contractor John Davenport, husband to UM Pastor Gayle Pickrell.

Habitat for Humanity founder Millard Fuller visited the project Aug. 9 and told the men and women, "Jesus, himself said, when we give water, or food or clothing or provide shelter, even unto the least, its like you have done it for Jesus. And you are building a house for a family

whom I'm sure most of you did not know before you started working here. But, God knew them, and now you know them."

Fuller said that Habitat for Humanity wouldn't exist without

United Methodists. "There would be a gaping hole if the Methodists went somewhere else," Fuller said. "It is deeply imbedded in your theology to get outside the church and do something... to be of help to those who are in need."

Later, Fuller spoke as part of the Wednesday evening program, and outlined just how fast Habitat for Humanity is growing. Founded in the late 1970's, HfH expects to build its 100,000th house later this year in either Plains or Americus, Georgia, the towns where the house-raising ministry began. "We expect to build 10,000 houses that week", Fuller said, drawing applause.

In Guatemala, for example, HfH volunteers and home owners have built 5,000 houses. Now building in more than 140 cities there, Fuller said 40 percent of the

homes were built just last year. Organizers there predicted they'd hit 10,000 in another five years, but Fuller thought he'll be back to help dedicate that one in less than two years.



Habitat founder Millard Fuller

Calling home building by volunteers a "new frontier in Christian missions", Fuller said, "What we have seen in this ministry we call Habitat for Humanity is the emergence of a new social and religious movement in the world, which is propelling humanity. And, the Church of Jesus Christ is leading

this movement, and this (movement) is to eliminate the scourge of poverty, housing and homelessness from the face of the earth!"

"Its the message of the Gospel, to get on that different road," Fuller advised. "That low road of service which takes you to the high road of Heaven. That's the way you get there," he said, as he told the story of the first house the ministry built. Fuller said he and his wife had been led to give up a successful business and wealthy way of life to help people out of poverty and homelessness.