

Eastern Association Spring Meeting May 7, 2022 via Zoom

If you were left off of this list of delegates, or if I have spelled your name wrong or identified your home church incorrectly, please let me know at Gregg.hepner@gmail.com

Delegates attending and churches represented:

SCNCUCC Conference Minister	Kris Bergstrom
	Jeanne, didn't catch your first name or church
Downey, 1 st and Saint Paul's	Greg Smith
Bloomington and Whittier First Friends Church	Loletta Barrett
Norco, Bethany Lutheran ELCA	Jonathan Vincent
1 st UCC Second Life	Doug Jenkins, Jerry Garber
Alta Loma, Sacred Place UCC	Matthew Redrich
Barstow, First Congregational Community	Sheri Randolph
Brea Congregational UCC	Sarah Averette-Phillips
Claremont UCC Napier	Jean Rosewell, Rita Dixon, Gene Boutilier, Cheryl
Fullerton Congregational Church	Gary Chomiak, Suzanne Barone, Chrissy Siva,
Hemet, Pilgrim UCC	Gregg Hepner
La Habra Heights, Hillcrest Congregational UCC	Paul Clay
Las Vegas, Abundant Peace UCC	Russ and Rena Smethers
Las Vegas, Affirming God's People UCC	Jamie Sprague-Ballou
Las Vegas Northwest Community UCC	Tameka Love
Las Vegas, Vision of Grace UCC	Samuel Tialavea
Mentone Community Church	Rudolph Dimery
Ontario, Bethel UCC	Sylvia Mann, Donna Saxton, Sandy Gunn
Perris UCC	Debbi Hurtado, Cheryl Metier, Quinn Hawley
Redlands UCC	Jill Kirchner-Rose
Riverside, First Congregational UCC	Audrey and Russ Turner
San Bernardino First Congregational UCC	Petra Malleis-Sternberg, Bob, Jeanne and Cheryl
Santa Ana, Church of the Foothills Sue Stewart	Jim and Maureen Rosenquist, James Weuve,

Palm Springs, Bloom in the Desert Ministries
Fluechting, John DiNapoli, Stephen Wayles

Kevin Johnson, Lynda and Carl Toland, Rich

Carol Ziegler

Welcoming Video: El Cielo, Canta Alegria (Pablo Sosa, arr. By Roger Bergs) presented by Singers

Moved: Donna Saxton Seconded: Paul Clay to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Audrey Turner presented the Treasurer's Report. Little activity. We received the Per Capita from the Conference. Treasurer's Report attached to this email.

Registrar's Report: With 7 churches and 20 delegates required for a quorum, Gregg Hepner reported we have a quorum with 18 churches represented and 43 delegates. Once everyone was logged into the Zoom meeting there were 49 delegates attending, representing 21 churches.

Moved: Samuel Tialavea Seconded: Sylvia Lee Mann that the Minutes of the October 30, 2021 Eastern Association Fall Meeting via Zoom. Motion passed unanimously.

Moderator Moment: Sylvia described how, to make sure our Nevada friends are better represented as part of our wider church community, our Nominating Committee intentionally sought out nominees from our Nevada churches for its nominating slate.

Reading: Linda Lang read Corinthians 12:4-11

Section B: Jim Rosenquist said Section B is working at getting all ministers with standing in our Association to submit their Annual Review, which is one requirement for holding standing in our Association. He said the UCC is asking ministers who live in a geographical area that is not where they have their standing to transfer their standing to the Association where they live. He reminded those ministers attending this meeting to transfer their standing to our Eastern Association if they presently have their standing in another Association. That can be done via sectionbeastern@gmail.com, or by contacting the Conference office. Also, if you know a minister who is not able to submit their Annual Review you might offer to help that person get their Annual Review submitted or let Section B know about that minister who needs our help. Section B will be having our Registrar mail letters to those ministers who have not yet submitted their Annual Reviews. If you know of a minister who cannot complete their Boundary Training, let Section B know about that minister or have that minister contact Section B.

Jim would like to see the United more in the UCC. As an example of what can be done, he described how his church and others are doing a combined choir tour to share their music with other churches.

Kevin Johnson asked about the status of the Congregational Church in the Desert in Palm Desert. Kris clarified that the congregation notified the Conference that the church no longer wanted to be affiliated with the SCNCUCC. Gregg Hepner said Section B approved this request earlier this year (after our Zoom meeting I checked and at its February 2, 2022 meeting, Section B approved a motion that the Congregational Church in the Desert no longer has standing in our Association.)R

Reading: Linda Lang read "Prayer of the Farm Workers' Struggle"

Nominating Committee: thanked the members of the Nominating Committee and those who said "yes" to being an officer or committee member. We were saddened by the death of Willetta Helene on Section A. He presented the nominating slate. Kevin Johnson asked if all positions on the committees

were filled or if there were any vacancies. Sylvia said Section A has two vacancies for the class of 2025, Section B has one vacancy for the class of 2025 and Section N has one vacancy for the class of 2024. The nominee's term is over the end of May of their class year. New terms begin June 1. There were no nominations from the floor. Paul Clay thanked the Committee for filling so many spots.

Break with video Amani Utupe by Patsy Ford Simms. Sung by the virtual choir made up of members of the Temecula Valley Master Chorale, First Congregational Church of Riverside, and other from the community. Director and Editor, David Wells:

This was a time for a break and for our offering. Go to easternassociation.org or visit rebrand.ly/eagive22 or text the word "spring" to 84321

Section N: Russ Smethers reported they have six MIDs; one for Northwest Community, three for Las Vegas UCC, and two for Etena Fou Efkas UCC. The Samoan Congregational Christian Church has applied for UCC designation. Section N is presenting certificates of UCC standing to Rainbow Praise Church and Vision of Grace UCC. Kevin Johnson asked about the date that will be on the certificates, suggesting the date should be the date the churches were approved and voted into the UCC.

Conference Minister's Report: Kris Bergstrom put her contact information in the Chat (bergstrom@scncucc.org 805 901 8308. She is our only Conference Minister right now. Thank God for Virginia and Stella! The Conference Board of Directors is making racial justice the basis on which all decisions are made.

We have contracted with a company for a new Boundary Training program. Information on this is in Conference Connections. If any active or retired clergy is not receiving Conference Connections emails, contact the Conference office and have your email added.

The search for a Settled Conference Minister has the goal of having our new Conference Minister by the Summer of 2023.

Pilgrim Pines: Petra Malleis-Sternberg said go to: www.pilgrimpinescamp.org and their Instagram and Facebook pages information on what's going on at Pilgrim Pines. In-person camps will be offered this Summer from July 3 – 30. Early bird registration deadline for the lowest price is May 13. POD camp option is available for groups or households. Apply by May 27 for camperships. <https://www.pilgrimpinescamp.org/summer-camp> for Summer Camp information, a video you can show to your church, a PDF flier and a sign up form.

We need Camp Nurses. Spread the word.

Moderator Remarks: Sylvia will get with Linda to put together an installation of those on the Nominating slate. If anyone finds or wants to fill one of the vacancies on the Nominating slate, contact Sylvia or Stephen.

John DiNapoli closed our meeting with prayer.

Paul Clay offered to host a Bagel Table for everyone who wants to stay in the Zoom meeting after we adjourn.

Moved Rich Fluechting and seconded by Donna Saxton that we adjourn our meeting. Motion was passed by consensus.

Treasurer's Report
 Eastern Association
 Southern California Nevada Conference United Church of Christ

As of March 31,2022	2022 Actual	2022 Budget
Income		
<i>Restricted Income (Scholarship Fund)</i>		
• Association Meeting Offerings	\$	\$ 800.00
• Installations & Ordinations	\$	\$ 500.00
Total Restricted Income	\$	\$ 1,300.00
<i>Unrestricted Income</i>		
• Per Capita Dues	\$ 918.03	\$ 850.00
• Spring Meeting Registration	\$	\$ 300.00
• Fall Meeting Registration	\$	\$ 300.00
Total Unrestricted Income	\$	\$ 1,450.00
Total Income	\$ 918.03	\$ 2,750.00
Expenses		
<i>Restricted</i>		
• Scholarships	\$	\$ 2,000.00
<i>Unrestricted</i>		
• Psychological Assessments	\$	\$ 1,020.00
• Program Support (Sections A, B, & N)	\$	\$ 300.00
• Spring Meeting	\$	\$ 500.00
• Fall Meeting	\$	\$ 500.00
• Administrative Expenses	\$	\$ 100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,420.00

Reserves	3/31/2022
Unrestricted	\$ 6,905.28
Restricted	\$ 1,806.08
Total	\$ 8,711.36

Funds deposited at Wells Fargo Bank Acct 9763471159

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