

President's Report, January 13-14, 2007

POST SCRIPT: Please re-read the President's Report, published in our Annual Celebration Program Book, October 21, 2006. As you do, will you rejoice with me because of the many opportunities for Mission, Service, Worship, and Education which your Team Members and many others have provided in 2006? It is awesome and you and others did it, through God's power through the Holy Spirit! You are all to be congratulated!!

Since our Annual Celebration in October 2006, there have been many other joys and concerns which I will mention briefly here. Among the joys:

We celebrated the Advent Season with many opportunities to serve and worship, and savor the expectations and the joys of the Holy Day when Christ was born!

We welcome the five new District Presidents and the three new Officers to our Team!

The long-awaited Resurrection Women Retreat, April 20-22, 2007, planning is nearly complete, thanks to Kay Walker, our wonderful Vice-President, and the Core Planning Group Committee, including our own Katherine Kim, who will be one of the Leaders for the Event..

The plans for the Legislative Event, March 25 and 26 are well underway, thanks to the leadership of Winna Davis, Mission Coordinator for Social Action and Geneie Cunnyngnam, Charter for Racial Justice Chairperson.

The Conference Directory is available today, thanks to Past Secretary, Joanne Iritani. Carefully examine and send changes/corrections to Geneie Cunnyngnam, Conference Secretary.

Another source of joy! The District Newsletters are full of plans for leadership development , spiritual growth and Mission opportunities in each District, thanks to the leadership of our District Presidents and Officers.

As President of United Methodist Women, I was invited to participate in the Summit Meeting of Clergy and Lay Leaders, Nov. 29-30th, 2006 at the Conference Center. The goal of this group is develop a consistent standard of excellence for Pastoral and Lay Leadership.

I attended the Board of Laity meeting on Sunday, January 7th, held at the beautiful Centennial United Methodist Church in Sacramento. After an inspiring and meaningful worship service Sunday morning and a delicious lunch served by the Fijian Congregation, the Board

met for several hour, planning for the Annual Conference Laity Session, Wednesday, June 20th, 2007.

The biggest disappointment and concern was the resignation of our Dean of Schools of Mission, Nancy Watling, as of November, 2006. This is a great loss to our Team! Nancy had begun the planning for 2007 but there remains much to be done. The site for the Reno School in August 17-19 will be Holiday Inn, Reno, thanks to Site Committee Member, Geneie Cunnyingham, Santa Nella is confirmed for September 14-16, and Campbell United Methodist Church will host a One-Day School, July 14th. The study leaders for each have not been confirmed and the many other details will need to be worked out. Asst. Dean Naoma Bodin has agreed to continue as Asst. Dean and we will need to select a new Dean of the School for this year. Thank you, Dean Nancy, for the four successful Mission Education Events/Schools in 2006 as well as for the advanced planning for 2007. We value your wisdom, diligence, and leadership, as Past President and as our Dean. Our work will be accomplished, thanks to each of our Executive Team Members and the Schools Committee.

We have much work to do as we plan for the coming year—there will be many joys and challenges but we are confident that the many efforts to carry out our Purpose will bring fruit, including increased membership and Mission Giving to “support the global ministries of the Church”. Barbara Ward. CA/NV Conference President, 2006-2007. Next Executive Meeting” April 19-20. Details will follow