



*Please join us for an All Church Study in August  
and a special chance for Pastor Karen to get to know you!*

The five (5) session series will focus on what it means to be renewed  
as a member of the United Methodist Church based on the book:

Five Means of Grace—by Elaine Heath

We will meet in small groups during the week.

Week 1 Sunday, August 2—Prayer

Week 2 Sunday, August 9—Searching the Scripture

Week 3 Sunday, August 15—The Lord's Supper

Week 4 Sunday, August 23—Fasting & Serving

Week 5 Sunday, August 30—Fellowship

Sessions will begin Monday, August 3, out on the church patio

Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 9:30—10:30 a.m.

And—Wednesday evenings from 6:30—7:30 a.m.

Call the church office (562-691-1797) or email us (lahabraumc@earthlink.net) and  
sign-up for one of the small groups and pick up a free copy of the book.

Each group will meet with Pastor Karen.



Dear friends and members of La Habra UMC;

I am so happy and excited to be with you as your new Pastor. It has been a bit of a whirlwind as I've moved into the office, unpacked boxes and am slowly settling in. I want to thank all of the volunteers in the office that have made this transition so much fun and so welcoming for both myself and my family.

Our first order of business has been to begin our virtual worship. I'm hoping you have been able to watch our Sunday Worship Service on YouTube or Facebook? It's a modified service as we are not allowed more than a very small group participating and we have not been able to have any singing. We are proud of our efforts so far, it's just a start, and a new way to connect with one another in faith each week.

COVID19 has required us to begin to re-imagine how Sunday worship, Bible Study and all of our fellowship activities will look for the next few months. If you have any suggestions or input please don't hesitate to call me, drop me an email or text. A big thank you to Edward, George, Cathy, Karen and especially Jonell for all of their hard work getting the service recorded and posted for you to view each week.

In August we are planning an All-Church Study- "Five Means of Grace". It will begin August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone is invited to participate in small groups and in -person. I'm hopeful that many of you will participate and I'm looking forward to getting to know you all. Call the Church office and sign-up for one of the sessions weekday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:30 a.m.\* (*BYOC - Bring your own coffee*). We'll sit outside on the patio and enjoy the cool morning air as we talk and share.

I am so blessed to be with you, God has great things ahead for us. Yes, we are all facing a difficult season, but we believe that God is Good- and He promised us that he will be with us in the deepest valley and also on the highest mountain top. During this season of challenge we are learning to earnestly apply our faith, and walk in the light and hope of Christ.

Blessings to you and your families;

Pastor Karen

*\*Note we will also have an evening session available on Wednesday evenings at 6:30p.m.*

## Connect - Share - Help

Let's do it again ... Let's reach out and help CRCC stock their shelves. In June we hosted a drive by food collection for CRCC which was very successful. Your generosity was over-the-top and we thank you. When we delivered the food we learned that CRCC is now all volunteer. There is no paid staff. They rely 100% on donations to supply the food they give to those in need. So, let's do it again! Our next drive by and donate will be Wednesday, August 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the church parking lot.

Following is a list of food that is needed:

Canned fruit - individual serving packs as well as canned  
Canned corn, green beans, tomato sauce, beans (pinto, black, refried)  
Canned tuna or chicken  
Rice and Pasta

We look forward to seeing you.

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Congratulations to Pam Pocock on her retirement. Pam retired from Andrews Elementary after 32 years of teaching. Pam loved her Kindergarten classes and they loved her.

The parents of Room 3 put together a drive-by celebration to send her off into retirement. Three decades of former students and parents gathered to wish her well.

There were over 90 cars and ABC Channel 7 had a news segment on Sunday night. The news report is posted on our Facebook account.



From left to right: Rob Pocock, Pam Pocock and Heather Parreco (daughter).



- 2 Corinne Bell
- 8 Dorothy Knox
- 13 Oscar Janeway  
Darlene Wollweber
- 16 Ron Jones
- 17 Shani Finney
- 23 Barbara Pierce
- 28 Pat Zeah

**...if we forgot your  
birthday, please contact  
the church office...**



August 2—Sunday

Worship—Prayer

Facebook-La Habra UMC

YouTube—La Habra United Methodist  
Church

August 3—Monday

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

August 4—Tuesday

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

August 5—Wednesday

9:30-11:30 a.m.—Food Drive

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

6:30 p.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

August 9—Sunday

Worship—Searching the Scripture

Facebook-La Habra UMC

YouTube—La Habra United Methodist  
Church

August 10—Monday

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

August 11—Tuesday

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

August 12—Wednesday

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

6:30 p.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

August 16—Sunday

Worship—The Lord's Supper

Facebook-La Habra UMC

YouTube—La Habra United Methodist  
Church

August 17—Monday

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

August 18—Tuesday

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

August 19—Wednesday

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

6:30 p.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

August 23—Sunday

Worship—Fasting and Serving

Facebook-La Habra UMC

YouTube—La Habra United Methodist  
Church

August 24—Monday

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

August 25—Tuesday

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—  
Five Means of Grace

August 26—Wednesday

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

6:30 p.m.—Bible Study—Church Patio  
Five Means of Grace

August 30—Sunday

Worship—Fellowship

Facebook-La Habra UMC

YouTube—La Habra United Methodist  
Church

## Annual Conference 2020 Summary

Transforming the world-missions was the theme of the 36<sup>th</sup> annual session of the California-Pacific Conference held from June 18-20. This was the first year the conference was held virtually. Bishop Grant Hagiya presided. Efforts were made to abide by the California recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID 19. As the 2020 General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conference have been postponed until 2021 the elected delegates to that conference shared the results of listening posts conducted in local churches. Around the theme of “I see a new church” a majority of participants saw a church with full inclusion. The delegation used the theology of “one table with room for all who gather as they are” to present their update. On Saturday morning we participated in a Zoom conversation in small groups based on the question “What does our Wesleyan understanding of grace have to offer in the midst of denominational uncertainty, pandemic, and racial tensions?”. Wesleyan understanding of grace includes God’s prevenient grace from birth. God’s grace is therefore even with those with whom we disagree. The update to Resolution 19-06 as well as the four recommendations of the delegation can be found online or in Pastor Karen’s office. Those wishing to provide further input to the delegation can go to [gc2020@calpacumc.org](mailto:gc2020@calpacumc.org).

Bishop Hagiya introduced Resolution 20-06, a strategic plan for racial equality in response to systemic racism. This is a two year collaborative, cooperative project with Afro-American churches. Erin Hawkins, Executive Director of Connectional Ministries, will chair the project. The plan to strengthen the black church includes funding of \$35,000.00 (a line item added to the budget), Clergy and lay leadership development, community empowerment and engagement, assessment of property challenges, and the development of an endowment for black churches. The conference voted to approve the Bishop’s plan.

As the next General Conference will be held in Minneapolis, the site of the George Floyd death, the multi-racial Cal Pac delegation wanted to feel safe. Resolution 20-04 passed to ensure their safety and to ask the General Conference to set aside time to have dialogue with Black Lives Matter. In terms of class, race, economics and health care the color of our skin determines if we will receive preferential treatment. We may think of ourselves as non-racist but are we anti-racist? As a white (Caucasian) person we have been given a choice to deal with racism or to not deal with it. Black people are 14% of the U.S. population yet 40% of the prison population is comprised of people of color. People of color comprise 36% of the unemployed and 26% of the deaths due to COVID 19. There are 3 times more black children in foster care than white children. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said “It is cruel to ask a man to pull himself up by the bootstraps if he has no boots.” Two books mentioned re racism are **HOW TO BE AN ANTI-RACIST** by Ibram X. Kendi and **WHITE FRAGILITY** by Robin Deangelo.

Dr. Jeffery Kuan, President of the Claremont School of Theology, invited participants to view

the history of the school on You Tube. Three churches have been closed and a new church formed with the merger of 2 churches. After discussion the budget of \$10,658,105.00 passed. This is a decrease of \$893,221.00 from last year's budget. Recommendations re health care, housing, quotas and special offerings passed. This included an increase in funds for Border Ministries. The Lynch Endowment, used exclusively for retiree health care, was dissolved and dispersed to the Conference Endowment Fund. This will eliminate the need to use apportionment funds for retiree health care by 2023. There will be no increase in the calculation of the medium cash salary nor the clergy minimum salary for 2021.

The General Board of Global Ministries provided \$461,133.00 to support missionaries in 30 countries. \$1,000,000.00 has been raised by UMCOR for the COVID 19 campaign. SAVUMC Latino Youth Scholarships were awarded to 5 young people. Changes were made in the manner in which members of the higher education and campus ministries council are selected. The Bishop ordained 9 Elders in full connection and 1 Deacon in full connection. Ten were commissioned as Deacons or Elders on other tracks. The Bishop stated there may be a need to call a special session of the Annual Conference after the 2021 sessions of General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Our own Doug Hodson was included in the memorials. We had joined him in Redland's for lunch during last year's conference. The retiree recognition was conducted by Rev. James Morris Lawson Jr. from Holman UMC. He reminded retirees that their call to ministry came from eternity and would remain for the rest of their days. The Holman UMC Jazz Quartet and Mr. Brodus-Miles performed "We are The Church" several times during conference. Next year's conference will be at the University of Redlands the week of June 16, 2021. If you are interested in attending let Pastor Karen know this. All documents and videos from this year's Annual Conference are available at [calpacumc.org/ac2020](http://calpacumc.org/ac2020). Thank you for the opportunity to represent you at this year's annual conference.

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