

## CONFERENCE NOTES

**God  
is  
Still  
Speaking**  
**training events**  
[www.stillspeaking.org](http://www.stillspeaking.org)

The UCC national TV ads will air in our market during Advent and Lent. Tony Lewis, Suzanne Bernhard, Gayle Madison and Lewis Knox have been trained in Cleveland on how churches can be ready and welcoming on folks who see these ads. (Church attendance in Florida went up 13% after the ads aired there!)

### November trainings

#### Nov. 13

First Congregational, San Jose, 9 a.m. - noon

#### Nov. 20

City of Refuge, San Francisco, 9 a.m. - noon

Information: Tony Lewis, 510-728-8423, <tlewis@exelana.com>

## Actions of Committee on the Ministry Sections A & B

Sept. 17

### Ordained Ministerial Standing Granted via: Reinstatement of Standing, Leave of Absence:

Amy Villwock

### Standing transferred to:

Anne Lee Kreml	Northeastern Association, Rocky Mountain Conference
Warren Kreml	Northeastern Association, Rocky Mountain Conference
Roger Ridgeway	Pacific Northwest Conference
Herbert Dimock	Pacific Northwest Conference
Erika Macs	Pacific Northwest Conference

### Change of Status of Ministers holding NCNC Standing:

#### Retired Status Granted:

Roberta Cook

## History Committee opening

Are you interested in History? If so, you are invited to apply for appointment to the NCNC/UCC history committee.

This committee is charged with:

- maintaining important historic documents,
- organizing and cataloging the record of conference events down through the years,
- making important information available to those who need it for research or evaluation.

Present committee members include: Eleanor Norberg, Joy and Dan Apra, (class of 2005) and Ed Bastille, John Brooke, and David R. Brown (class of 2006).

The committee typically meets quarterly or semi-annually. If you are interested please contact Rev. Ned Luther (nluther@surewest.net) or the Conference office. Applicants will be notified quickly as to their appointment.

## Annual Meeting proposals

A brief description of any proposal to be considered at the Annual Meeting should be received in the Conference office by Jan. 15, 2005. Annual meeting is May 19-22, 2005.

## Upcoming Pacific deadline

For Dec. issue - Nov. 2  
no January issue

please send copy  
and photos to <pacific@ncncucc.org>

## Updates on mission stories

*Editor's note: When we have personal contact with a mission activity in another country (youth group trip, visiting missionary, etc.) or have a story about them in The Pacific, we often keep thinking about the people. Here are two updates from previous stories:*

- Every Dollar Feeds Kids: the program started at **First, Santa Rosa**, keeps on feeding those kids. In October they will celebrate the delivery of their 400,000th meal! See <[www.everydollarfeedskids.org](http://www.everydollarfeedskids.org)>

- Global Ministries (UCC and DOC) missionaries **Daniel and Sandra Gourdet**, who visited **Congregational, Sunnyvale**, and other NCNC church last spring and reported on the political turmoil in Haiti, responded to Sunnyvale's **Gen Heywood's** letter of concern during the hurricanes:

"Thanks so much for the email and the concern. Yes, it is a very devastating situation. Many safety measures and warnings were in place for Ivan, but Jeanne caught people by surprise. People are without drinking water, food, clothes and homes. "The death toll continues to rise and the figures are not exaggerated. More than 1,000 bodies have been recovered. Thousands are still missing and hundreds of thousands of houses have been destroyed.

"We are okay physically, but emotionally exhausted. The people have had to face so many disasters in such a short period of time. We could give up, but the amazing strength of the people who have so little materially serves as a source of strength for us.

"If someone wants to make a financial donation towards emergency needs, it can be sent to Global Ministries (Latin America Dept.). "Our greetings to everyone."

For more information from the Gourdet's, go to <<http://www.globalministries.org/missionaries/lac11-110.htm>>.



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