

CONFERENCE NOTES

Tough UCC decisions to reduce number of Pacific/UC News issues

The Pacific will be published only six times in 2005. Since becoming a local section of UC News in 1985 the Pacific has published ten times a year.

At its October meeting the UCC Executive Council cut the budgets of all UCC national setting ministries, including Proclamation, Identity and Communication (PIC) that publishes UC News and the local conference sections.

Rev. Sharon MacArthur, who represents the Northern California Nevada Conference on the Executive Council said, "It was a sad and painful experience to approve a budget that would decrease the number of issues of UC News. It seemed counter intuitive to lower our visibility as a denomination by going to six issues instead of ten immediately following the rollout of the national ad campaign. But we are in the business of hope and the hope is that the readership will express their gratitude for the connections made via the UC News by making individual gifts and donations!"

Visiting NCNC Nov. 1 with Financial Development Ministry Team Leader Don Hill, Edith Guffey, Associate General Minister for the UCC said the denomination needs to be a good steward of its OCWM dollars, and that there simply wasn't enough money to continue publishing ten issues yearly. "We hope the God is Still Speaking ad campaign will raise public awareness of the UCC and increase support of our many ministries," she told NCNC lay leaders.

The NCNC Board of Directors will be deciding whether to publish additional issues of the Pacific separately, and other strategies to support communication. Ideas may be sent to <Pacific@ncncucc.org> and contributions may be sent to United Church News, Box 247, Bellmawr, NJ 08099.



Associate General Minister Edith Guffey met with NCNC leaders Oct. 31.



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Camp Cazadero Kids Camp: Sun. July 10 - Thurs. July 14 <i>Entering Grades 3-6</i> Arts Camp: Sun. July 10 - Sat. July 16 <i>Entering Grades 7-12</i> Feet High Camp: Fri. July 15 - Sun. July 17 <i>High School Grades 9-12</i> Junior Camp: Sun. July 17 - Sat. July 23 <i>Entering Grades 5-8</i> Junior High Camp: Sun. July 24 - Sat. July 30 <i>Entering Grades 7-9</i> Senior High Camp: Sun. July 31 - Sat. Aug. 6 <i>Entering Grades 10-12</i> Community Camp: Sat. Sept. 3 - Mon. Sept 5 Labor Day Weekend Multigenerational
Camp Tamarack Junior Camp: Sun. July 17 - Sat. July 23 <i>Entering Grades 3-5</i> Counselors in Training: July 17 - Sat. July 23 <i>By application</i> High School Camp: Sun. Jul. 24 - Sat. July 30 <i>Entering Grades 9-12</i> Junior High Camp: Sun. July 31 - Sat. Aug. 6 <i>Entering Grades 7-8</i> Community Camp: Fri. Aug. 29 - Sun. Aug. 31 Multigenerational Weekend

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The photos of Charles Betts in the November Pacific were taken by Dave Fowler. Frank Saxton took the photo of the Camp Tam wedding couple. We depend on the generosity of many folks for our photos and will try to do a better job giving correct credit.

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.