Greetings Holman Family and Friends! In 2021, my prayer is for our congregation to take it Step by Step as we continue to navigate the uncharted terrain of the current Covid-19 Pandemic. I am pleased Holman UMC was able to serve as a location for people to receive the first dose of a Covid-19 vaccination on February 25, 2021. Holman UMC will continue to promote Covid-19 education and Covid-19 vaccination equity.

As Christians, we acknowledge the Season of Lent during March as we continue to follow Jesus Christ as he fasted for 40 days and 40 nights, a Spiritual Retreat. I hope all of us are making time for quiet moments for spiritual retreat experiences for rest, reflection, and renewal. Currently, we may be unable to physically get away for 40 days and 40 nights from our normal surroundings. Like Jesus’ experiences described in Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13, I suspect the enemy is attempting to disrupt your spiritual retreat experience(s). Stay prayerful and I encourage you to follow Jesus Christ and God’s words during difficult times through meditation on the sacred scriptures.

March is also the month designated by the United States of America as Women’s History Month. We have a lot of amazing women to celebrate! A few of them include (but not limited to) the following:

1) Kamila Harris, Vice President of the United States of America
2) Holly Mitchell, Los Angeles County Supervisor
3) Maxine Waters, U.S. Representative for California’s 43rd Congressional District
4) Karen Bass, U.S. Representative for California’s 37th Congressional District
5) London Breed, Mayor of San Francisco
6) Lori Lightfoot, Mayor of Chicago
7) Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor of Atlanta
8) Pamela Smith, Chief of the United States Park Police
9) Ava DuVernay, Filmmaker, Writer, Producer, and Director
10) Shonda Rhimes, Television Producer, Screenwriter, and Author

Holman UMC will continue to highlight the significant contributions of women during this month of March and beyond.

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Vincent Harding

The world mourns the loss of a giant, Dr. Vincent Harding, who died on May 19, 2014 at age 82. He was known by many people as a theologian, peace activist, teacher, author, visionary, Civil Rights campaigner and a close associate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Vincent Harding I knew was a man of few words, fiery, intellectual brilliance, a follower of Jesus, passionate about defending the poor and committed to the path of justice. He lived his life as he preached—simple, poetic and hopeful. He remained just outside the limelight of fame, bending history and shaping the moral contours of our social discourse on issues of freedom, justice and peace.

I first met Dr. Vincent Harding in Los Angeles at Holman United Methodist Church in 1984. He came at the invitation of his longtime friend, Rev. Dr. James Lawson. The two knew each other from their work in the South in the struggle for racial justice and the rights of the poor in the 1960s. Dr. Harding helped add an intellectual component to the debate and shaped the moral platform that gave the Civil Rights movement its gravitas and depth. In fact, Dr. Harding came from a pacifist tradition and was on some levels, based on philosophical reasons, a critic of the Gandhian, nonviolence tradition implemented by King and the Civil Rights movement. Dr. Harding, however, was supportive of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Dr. King sent Dr. Harding to address specific groups on several occasions, one of which was to mediate tensions between Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and SCLC at Albany, New York.

I met Dr. Harding again as he was the keynote speaker at a conference sponsored by Bread for the World in Chicago in 1988, where he insisted I call him “Vincent.” It was here that I had conversations with a lucid, imaginative and provocative intellectual genius and historian. I also found him to be elegant, soft spoken, pedestrian, down to earth and personal.

Vincent told me of his mother who worked as a cleaning woman in New York and his grandfather a native of my homeland, Barbados. Growing up in Harlem, tough though it was, could have deterred Vincent’s quest to achieve, but it did not. This environment of poverty was a discomfort that birthed in him a stubborn hope that led to a solidarity with a radical social movement for change. It may have also influenced, by contrast, an appreciation for and affiliation with the Mennonites, a religious movement that helped shape his character for peace and his embrace of a meditative form of worship. In some ways, he shared the mysticism of Howard Thurman, yet remained engaged in the trenches of the movement. This Mennonite affiliation is possibly the source of his identification as a peace activist and not a disciple of non-violence—a key, ideological difference.

The late Dr. Cornish Rogers, Professor Emeritus at Claremont School of Theology spoke of Vincent’s gentle and distinctive personal demeanor in a classroom / lecture hall setting. “He had a distinctive and specific intimacy with the students. He would ask for their name before answering questions.” Jim Lawson recalls Vincent as being a quiet person. “He had an intellectually rigorous, yet gentle, inquisitive manner when he taught class. At times in the middle of conversation, Vincent would pause, until the right word or moment arose.”

Vincent also crafted Martin King’s’ speech entitled ‘Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break the Silence,’ delivered at the Riverside Church, New York in 1967, where King identified the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism and militarism. These were prophetic words that pointed to the global nature of the

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In Fellowship

March Celebrants

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARY NORRIS
DIANNE EUBANKS
MAYA RENE MONTEZ
LYDIA J. BLANDFORD
POLLY A. MCKINNEY
ETHYL MINNIE STEWART
KEITH McGruder
KEVIN McGruder
BARBARA HARTELL
ANGELIQUE WILSON
PATRICIA BARNETT
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JAMES HARRIS, JR.
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JO ISABEL-JONES
MATTHEW EATMAN
AARON EUBANKS
DORIS KELLEY
WILLIAM CAMPBELL, JR.
EARL BARNER
SHERYL E.W. RAINED
BROOKE EDWARDS
GLADYS COOK
WILLIAM LOVE
KAREN STREETER
CAMILLE EDWARDS
ANTHONY MILES
WILMA J. PINDER
MARY F. TURNER MYLES
WENDELL BELGRAVE
LeANDRE M. MILES
ERIN BRIANA JOHNSON
KAREN MIDDLETON-HILL

Looking Ahead

Worship Celebration

11:00 A.M.
VIA RADIO BROADCAST ON
KJLH RADIO 102.3 FM
WWW.KJLHRADIO.COM
LIVE STREAM VIA “YOUTUBE”
(HolmanChurch)

(A Sermon Series
On The Ten Commandments—Part 1)

Sun. March 7  THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT
Scriptures: Exodus 20:1-7;
John 2:13-22
“PUT GOD FIRST”

Sun. March 14  FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT
Scriptures: Exodus 20:11 – 12
John 3:14 – 21
“DO NOT FORGET!”

Sun. March 21  FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT
Scriptures: Exodus 20:13 – 15
John 12:20 – 33
“LIVE AND LET LIVE!”

Sun. March 28  PALM / PASSION
SUNDAY
Scriptures: Exodus 20:16 – 18
Mark 11:1 – 11
“FOLLOWING GOD’S COMMANDS”

REV. DR. KEN J. WALDEN—Preacher
civil rights struggle, though King had grappled with the Vietnam War as early as 1961, and always understood it within the context of the Civil rights struggle. For this speech and expansion of the concerns of the civil rights agenda, King was questioned by some leaders in his inner circle, vilified in the media and some sectors of the religious right and the left that considered the action unconscionable, given President Lyndon Johnson’s strident, political advances that benefited marginalized Americans and the Civil Rights movement.

Through the years, Vincent continued to teach, preach, speak and support the groundswell and evolution of the peace and justice movement that became broadly inclusive of various concerns, including gender equality, workers’ rights, the environment, LGBTQ rights, poverty, militarization and occupy Wall Street protests. He and his wife, Rosemary, remained in close communication with his friend Jim Lawson and would frequently share the platform at different conferences and interviews across the country. Jim and Vincent’s fraternal relationship continued as he married his second wife, Aljosie.

For several years Vincent was a faculty member at Iliff School of Theology. On a visit to the Claremont School of Theology in 1997, Dr. John David Maguire, President, invited him to consider a faculty position at Claremont Graduate University. This would have increased his salary exponentially, but in view of a lawsuit against the school by a Black faculty member, he deferred the offer.

At the time of his death, Vincent had been visiting the East Coast, including speaking engagements at the Eastern Mennonite University and Pendle Hill, Philadelphia. He recently co founded the Council of Elders with Philip and Jim Lawson and also contemplated penning an autobiography.

Vincent continued to serve as mentor, friend, counselor, prophet, historian and brother to people around the world. He mourned the mounting gap between the underclass and the rich. He was excited about a cadre of young people with a zealouousness for transformation and remained hopeful about the direction of inter-racial dialogue and progress in our country and celebrated life and all of its complexities. This is the Vincent I knew!

Holman UMC will also continue to prepare for our return to in person worship in the sanctuary, we pray it will be possible before the end of 2021. A major contributing factor to our return to in person worship service is the percentage of people who receive the COVID-19 vaccination on the local, state, and national levels.

Michelle and I continue to pray for renewal, peace, and strength for the journey for Holman Family and Friends as we enter this new year and season of life. Step-by-Step we will continue to follow in the footsteps of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

God Bless You!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Dr. Ken Walden
Senior Pastor
Holman United Methodist Church
A Time and Place for Everything

John 2:13-22 (NIV)

There is a saying that goes like this, "There's a time and a place for everything." What does that mean, you ask? Well, it often means that someone is behaving in a way that is unacceptable (improper, unsuitable) for the situation or place they are in.

For example, think of a library. Libraries have a rule in place for how we use our voices—we cannot be too loud. We must speak quietly so as not to disturb others who are reading or studying. Now, on the other hand, let's look at a playground. Children don't go there to sit still or to whisper. No, everything is loud and fun!

If certain rules are acceptable in one place, they may not be the rules acceptable somewhere else.

The scripture above describes that issue. Jesus goes to the temple and when he gets there he finds that people are inside selling animals. They've turned the temple into a kind of market. This makes Jesus very angry and he goes and turns over their tables and knocks their money on the floor. He tells them to stop doing their business in the temple. You may wonder why this is an issue. Well, in Jesus' day the temple was the name of the church, specifically the building where you worship God. Jesus did some serious housecleaning that day!

This is a good reminder that what's okay at some times and places may not be alright in others. Remember that this week.

Interactive Activities—Temple Building

Give children blocks or boxes, etc to build a temple. Let the children take turns in telling something that happened in today's Bible story and then telling how they can worship God in HIS HOUSE. Children may enjoy knocking the building down as the story is told and building it up again.

Questions for reflection:
- What was wrong with the temple before Jesus cleaned it?
- What do you think about what Jesus did in the temple?
- What surprises you about what Jesus did?
- What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days?"

Memory Verse:

"Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

John 2:19
We GROW through inspired learning!

Lenten Daily Devotionals

Week 3 (March 3 – 9):
**Acting Out Our Faith**
Exodus 20:1-17
How do you keep God as a central focus in your life?

Psalm 19
How do you experience and honor God’s laws in your life?

1 Corinthians 1:18-25
What does it mean to you that “God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom in your life?

Do the actions of Jesus fit with the way you generally picture him?

Week 4 (March 10 – 16):
**Deeper into the Wilderness**
Numbers 21:4-9
Does your complaining to God ever interfere with God’s presence with you?

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
What practice helps you thank God everyday for His steadfast love?

Ephesians 2:1-10
How does your sense of God’s salvation and grace move you to do good works?

John 3:14-21
How do you act as a creature of life in the world?

March 21
Week 6: The Plot
Isaiah 50:4-9a.
How does your faith reflect the servant in this reading?

How are you rejoicing in this day that the Lord has made?

Philippians 2:5-11.
How does this hymn speak to you as you prepare for Holy Week?

How do the events of Palm Sunday make you feel?

If you were in the crowd, how would the events in the story make you feel?

March 28
Week 7: Stretched Out
How is God calling you to be a light?

Psalm 70.
In what way do you ask God for help?

John 13:1-17, 31b-35.
Choose one act you will do today in remembrance of Jesus’ humility.

When have you, in the light of God’s love, let go of the way you thought your life would be in order to live a different reality that God intended for you?

Adapted by the Lenten Task Force from the Upper Room Disciplines 2021: A Book of Daily Devotions. An Upper Room Publication
The COVID-19 Pandemic has touched our lives in so many ways; precious loved ones have been affected through lingering illness and some have transitioned. Through it all, Believers know that we move and have our being in Him, and His word is our power and strength in an uncertain world.

KoKo Smith suggested we stay in place as a community of Faith via Zoom, to glorify God through study, prayer, discussion and the help we offer others. We are often reminded of the brokenness in our own lives as we have encountered others in the Bible who have not always chosen the “more excellent way.” Our prayer is that we see and feel God’s transformative love, grace, and mercy through the power of his word.

We are currently using the Adult Bible Studies manual that is designed to help adults understand the meaning and authority of the Bible for the Christian life. The international resource is approved by the United Methodist Church and we receive it quarterly. We started the study in the spring of last year. We have been blessed by our on time God with inspired one-word themes of community, encounters with the true living God and the hope that we find Jesus the Christ.

Study group participants:
Deidra Gray (one of the Sunday school teachers). Edward Terry, Rose Whitehead, Rozena Anderson, Fannette Ball, Jennifer Blannon, Delores Chavous, Maria Cherry, Ann Dennis, Joann Fletcher, Walter Fletcher, Barbara Glare, Betty Graves, Lena Hooe, Cliff Hooe, Albert Lewis, E. Elaine Moore, Wayne Moore, Gertrude “Trudy” Moore, Barbara Nolen, Willie Settle, Nellie Smith, KoKo Smith, Gordon Sodetani, Martha Sodetani, Daisy Spearman, Doris Spearman, Sandrel Terry, Annie B. Thomas, Joyce Williams, Lydia Cincore Templeton, Shirley Ann Harris, and others from out of state.

We extend a heart felt invitation to join us on Sundays at 9:30 am on Zoom. Call KoKo Smith for additional information.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.
Psalm 34:8

The inability at this time to gather together physically, has provided the opportunity for even more persons to join us via our online gathering. We are grateful for the ways God continues to open doors and provide opportunities for us to grow together, and draw closer to Him individually and in community.

In Jesus Christ we live!!
During the Lenten Season it is our tradition at Holman UMC to adorn our sanctuary with Easter Lilies donated by our Holman family. We invite members of Holman UMC and all others to purchase as a donation a virtual Lily plant in Memory or Honor of a loved one.

The donations received will be used to continue providing year-round support in our community through our Storehouse Ministry.

Each 7” Plants cost $10.00.

Please indicate your donation for virtual Lily plant (s) by completing the form below.

Your Name: __________________________

Telephone_________________

Donation in MEMORY of: _______________________

In HONOR of: _______________________

Total # of plants_________

Total amount enclosed: $_________

☐ Check #__________
☐ Cash   ☐ Credit (online)

Thank you in advance for your Support and your Donation
Holman United Methodist Church
“Church of the Bells”

The bells at Holman United Methodist Church have been ringing for 76 years and have brought us much love and joy. The bells remind us of our blessings, if ever we need to be reminded it is now. It has been a tumultuous year and we need something to lift our spirits. Let’s use our bells to lift our spirits in remembrance of loved ones who have passed and loved ones we can still reach out and show our love and appreciation.

We will be launching our Church of the Bells Campaign soon. We encourage you to consider sponsoring a bell on the Bell Tree in the Multipurpose Building. Let’s keep the bells ringing at Holman and support this campaign.

Let the Bells ring at Holman United Methodist Church.
Please join in and support this Campaign.

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Today (March 4, 2021), the NAACP announced that Civil Rights Movement icon Rev.James Lawson will receive the prestigious NAACP Chairman’s Award during the 52nd NAACP Image Awards. The Chairman’s Award, which is sponsored by Wells Fargo, is bestowed in recognition of individuals who demonstrate exemplary public service and use their distinct platforms to create agents of change. Past honorees of the Chairman’s Award include Tyler Perry, then-Senator Barack Obama, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Former Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, Ruby Dee, The Neville Brothers, Bono, Danny Glover, and last year’s recipient the late U.S. Congressman John Lewis. The award will be presented to Rev. James Lawson during the two-hour LIVE TV special airing on BET and will be simulcast across ViacomCBS networks including CBS, BET Her, VH1, MTV, MTV2, and LOGO on Saturday, March 27th, 2021 at 8/7c.

As a prominent civil rights leader, revered teacher and mentor, Rev. James Lawson is one of the most impactful social justice leaders of the twentieth-century. Rev. Lawson will be honored with the Chairman’s Award in recognition of his work as a social change advocate and his critical contributions to the civil rights movement, specifically the integral role in the nonviolent protests of the south in the 1960s.

“Last summer we saw millions around the world take to the streets in the most powerful protests for racial justice and civil rights in a generation. These protests were inspired by the work of Civil Rights Movement leaders like Rev. James Lawson,” said Chairman Leon W. Russell. “In this pivotal moment for Black history, there is no better time to recognize Rev. Lawson’s tremendous contributions to American history and to live up to his example.”

Source: https://naacp.org/latest/reverend-james-lawson-announced-as-recipient-of-chairmans-award-for-52nd-naacp-image-awards/

IN HONOR OF WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

“We are strongest when we see the most vulnerable in our society, bear witness to their struggles, and then work to create systems to make it better.”

— Stacey Abrams
SACRIFICE ZONE
LOS ANGELES
A DOCUMENTARY THEATRE PROJECT

Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 P.M. PT
Saturday, March 13, at 2:30 P.M. PT
Live via Vimeo and Zoom
Admission is free. RSVP at visionsandvoices.usc.edu

Join a collective of environmental justice advocates from Esperanza Community Housing’s People Not Pozos campaign and USC performers as they present a workshop performance of Sacrifice Zone: Los Angeles. In the collaborative, interactive, and original documentary theatre project directed by Fran de Leon, the artists and activists will address climate change, illuminate our city’s sacrifice zones (places that have been devastated by oil drilling and industrial toxins), and elevate the work of local residents who are fighting to change that reality.

artsinaction.usc.edu | University of Southern California
3FN’s EAVE (Education and Volunteer Engagement) Virtual Series aims to educate the community on all aspects of foster care from start to finish. The word “EAVE” comes from an old English word which means to emerge. Eaves provide protection for a house. 3FN’s EAVE series will provide information, (education) necessary to support children and families impacted by foster care. The four-part series will culminate in a discussion about the various ways we can build a village of support for foster youth and families.

MARCH 16, 2021 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
3 UNDERSTANDING THE FOSTER CARE POPULATION
The beautiful children, teens and young adults impacted by foster care and the challenges they experience.

APRIL 26, 2021 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
4 BUILDING THE VILLAGE - MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Volunteer Engagement and Opportunities
Understanding the areas of need and identifying the areas for engagement.

Calling All Caregivers
Join us for our
VIRTUAL CAREGIVER CHECK-IN
Wednesday, MARCH 24, 2021
6 p.m.—7:15 p.m.
Celebrating Women’s History Month!

About the Faith Foster Families Network (3FN)
3FN is a collaborative of six faith-based organizations and churches in South Los Angeles whose mission is to sustain a faith collaborative that provides resources, well-being, and safety for families and children impacted by the child welfare system. The work of 3FN is focused in four areas: education, human support, tangible resource distribution and recruitment of new resource families.

3FN members are The Biddy Mason Charitable Foundation, Center of Hope LA, Crossroads United Methodist Church, Holman Community Development Corp., West Angeles Community Development Corp. and Associate Member City of Refuge.

To register contact info@faithfosterfamilies.org or call at 323-531-7900

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WE ARE ALL BETTER TOGETHER
GET COVID TESTED TODAY!


Across the nation, the Black community is disproportionately affected by COVID-19 cases. In California, Black residents are the 4th most affected group by COVID-19, making up 4% of all California cases.

Historically known as advocates and providers, Black churches across the state are stepping up to bridge the gap between the government and free access to community-based testing. As leaders in the community, the church testing sites are exemplifying the way to properly engage the Black community in providing resources and reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Visit Crossroads United Methodist Church, Rev. Adrienne Zackery, Pastor
Testing Hours: Tuesday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm & Thursday 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: 2354 N. Wilmington Ave, Compton, CA 90222
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

AACEC-CAL.ORG/COVID19TESTING
WE REMEMBER REV. JUNIUS BOYD DOTSON

We lost an amazing servant of God on February 24, 2021—a vibrant light in the life world and the United Methodist Church!

We share a reflection from Rev. Junius Boyd Dotson in response to the question:

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

“For me, to be a disciple in its simplest form, it means to be a follower of Christ. I will never forget when I became a disciple of Jesus Christ, when I publicly accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior. But there are some things that I learned along the way that have been very helpful for me and I think are very characteristic of the life of a disciple, of a person who has committed their life to Christ. One of those things is spiritual disciplines. Practicing spiritual disciplines, I think, is a very important part of growing in our faith. Praying on a daily basis, reading Scripture, giving on a regular basis, being in worship, making worship a priority as we seek to be in the presence of God. I think we all have been given at least one spiritual gift. And to be able to share those gifts in the building of the Kingdom, to be able to share those gifts in helping others who don’t know Jesus to come to know Jesus, sharing those gifts to be transforming agents, to be difference makers, to be leaders in and through our community. I think for me, another significant part of being a disciple is being able to share your faith. Every single day, I pray for divine opportunities. Those are simply moments where somebody will come across my path, where I can engage them in conversation and you never know who’s gonna come across your path who needs to hear an encouraging word or who may need to be offered the life-saving grace of Jesus Christ. So, I think those are the most important aspects of what it means to be a disciple.”

Source: http://ee.umc.org/who-we-are/united-methodist-beliefs-what-is-a-disciple

Rev. Julius Boyd Dotson served most recently as General Secretary of UMC Discipleship Ministries. Read more about him at UMCDiscipleship.org.
Our Connectional Ministry

WEST DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2021—Part 1

Date:    APRIL 10, 2021 California & Hawaii
         (8:45 AM PDT | 5:45 AM HST) |
         APRIL 11, 2021 Guam & Saipan
         (1:45 AM ChST)

Location:    Zoom
Cost:    free to all Cal-Pac United Methodists
Deadline:   April 4, 2021

This workshop event is planned for West District local church leadership but also open to members from all other Cal-Pac districts. The second session will follow in June.

"Leading With Possibilities"

- Please RSVP to any and all Sessions you wish to attend.
- Learn about the workshop leaders here
- The Zoom links for the Grounding Session and Learning Sessions will be included in your confirmation email.
- For questions about this event, contact the West District office at westdistrict@calpacumc.org or 562.429.1441.
- RSVP online via this link: WestDistrictLeadershipTraining2021-Part1
As we emerge from the deep thaw of our COVID-19 crisis, I am encouraged by the availability of the new vaccines. We have not arrived yet for a just distribution schedule, and I especially lament the inequality of distribution for our poorer and racially segregated populations. However, government officials are trying to do their best, and with a greater percentage of our population receiving vaccines, I am hopeful that we can emerge from our deep isolation.

As we set the stage for our own Cal-Pac Annual Conference response, one of our prime objectives is to emerge out of our COVID-19 crisis as safely as possible. Once again, we are not there yet, and we have to be diligent in our safety protocols to ensure that our churches do not transmit the virus.

One of our present realities as a large and diverse annual conference that covers thousands of miles and a whole ocean is the fact that “one size does not fit all.” We have multiple colored tiers of COVID safety, and even different state regulations we have to consider. It sometimes comes down to a case-by-case basis for us to approve various ministry plans. This is the reason why we have multiple sources of approval for reopening plans that includes the local church appointed pastor, church Administrative Council and District Superintendent.

Even this multiple approval system is not perfect, as some pastors can feel pressured to open up to in-person worship by congregation members when they have deep reservations. With this in mind, if you are in a red or purple tier, and if your pastor has not been vaccinated (twice), I believe it is unsafe to reopen to in-person worship. It is too great a risk to your beloved pastor, and because of the place of leadership she or he serves in the community at large, it is in the best interest of everyone to wait until your pastor is vaccinated completely. Our entire appointed Cabinet is in agreement about this policy, and our District Superintendents will enforce this policy.

With the vaccination schedule accelerating, it is only a matter of time before your pastor and a large percentage of your congregation will receive the vaccines. As a people of faith, we understand what patience means, and a few months can mean all the difference in the world to protect as many people as possible.

I am deeply grateful that so many of you have been patient, and have prioritized safety over convenience. We have been rewarded by low transmission rates overall for our clergy and laity, and if we can hold on a little bit longer, we will reap that which we sow: the health and safety of each and every member of our annual conference!

Let me close today with the words in Romans 8: 24-25:

“For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”

Source: http://www.calpacumc.org/bishop-hagiya/bishop-hagiyas-briefing-on-covid-19-3-1-2021/
Inviting ALL into Discipleship with Jesus Christ!!

FOR YOUR SPIRIT

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

1 John 5:14

WORD FOR THE SOUL

Feel good, Do good, and be good.

The DEADLINE for the next Issue of the Bellringer is Sunday, March 21, 2021 for the APRIL publication. Bellringer deadline is every THIRD Sunday.

“A Hub of Hope & Healing, A Center of Wellness & Wholeness”

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