



Be Blessed and Be a Blessing This Summer!

I hope you are having a blessed summer. The Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church's 2015 Annual Conference started on Thursday, June 11, and ended on Sunday, June 14, 2015, at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. Joe Hayashi and I represented Simpson UMC as lay and clergy representatives. You can read Joe's report in detail in this newsletter. If you have any questions/clarifications, please feel free to get hold of either one of us.

The quadrennial theme of the Rocky Mountain Conference is "Cultivating the Tree of Life." Under this theme, this year's annual conference missional focus was on "The Renewal of Creation" where the gathering body explored how "the whole Earth and all of creation is participating in God's loving redemption, liberation, and salvation" (Richard Rohr). The beautiful setting of the Rockies was entirely fitting for the theme of the conference.

This year's annual conference was a little bit different for several reasons. In addition to many standard agenda items and legislation, because of the upcoming quadrennial General Conference in May 2016, to be held in Portland, Oregon, this year we also elected delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Also, several workshops were organized for the delegates. Besides, there is a conversation going on about merging Yellowstone Conference and Rocky Mountain Conference in the near future, and our bishop has asked a team to study about its feasibility. The team brought their report. The conversation on merger is necessitated by decline of churches in both the conferences for decades. It might come up for a vote in a year or two. Besides, it is always encouraging to hear stories of churches and individuals making a difference in their communities and beyond.

Special offerings are made each year during the conference to make the world a better place. It is really encouraging how generously God's people are willing to give for a cause or someone in need. You may remember and have given for "Nothing But Nets" or "Imagine No Malaria." This year, one of the offerings was for purchasing a fire truck for a Native American Reservation in Lame Deer, Montana. Geographically, the reservation is one of the biggest in the States but does not have a fire truck. This is our bishop's missional initiative, and she challenged churches and individuals to give for this important cause. I would strongly encourage you to give, if you feel led.

Enjoy your summer, and I will see you in church!

Shalom – Be Well Always!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY:

We invite you to read and study these passages in preparation for our Worship Services.

July 5

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10;
Mark 6:1-13

July 12

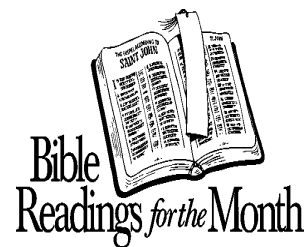
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14;
Mark 6:14-29

July 19

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



Musicians Needed

As most of you know, our Chancel Choir will be on hiatus during the summer months. Debbie will be scheduling "Special Music", hopefully for each Sunday this summer. We hope to have musicians from Simpson UMC, as well as those from the community. Please consider signing up to share your talents. All people & talents welcome!

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Sunday School	Brenda Schroder	Staff-Parish Relations	John Hall
Pianist	Chen Wu	Trustees	Alben Sakaguchi
Choir Director	Debbie Willeford	O.N.E.	Jane Fujioka and Charlotte Namba
Nichigo Pianist	Sadako Hasegawa		
Japanese Language			
Instructor	Miwa Steuben		

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Our Annual Church Picnic is fast approaching. Save the date of **Sunday, July 19, 2015**. The picnic will be held at Simpson right after our Church service. Please bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert. The Church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rice, watermelon and drinks. Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic!

You are Appreciated!



Thanks to a great team of volunteers that gathered on May 27, 2015 to prepare the June Newsletter for mailing. You are appreciated more than you will ever know. Really could not do it without your help! A very big thanks to: Yoshie Tanita, Fuzzy Okuno, Chuckie Stark, Nancy Miyahara and Esther Hashiba.

Summer Sunday School

During the Summer, Sunday School will meet on the second and fourth Sunday of every month.

Volunteers Needed for July—Brenda would like to dedicate the month of July to Japanese culture. She welcomes volunteers to teach the children different elements. If you are available to teach origami, calligraphy, taiko drums, ukulele, etc please contact Brenda at bs8128bs@gmail.com or 303.981.0391

Vacation Bible School will be held July 13—July 16th from 9:30am to 12:30 pm. Volunteers are also needed to help with lunches, teaching classes, etc. Contact Brenda if you are available to volunteer.

IN MEMORY OF:

George, Jess, Mary Masunaga
 John Shimizu
 Roy Tanaka

Fumi Karaki, Emi & John Chikuma
 Bruce Lim
 Laura Miura
 Daisy Kiyota & Martha Fushimi
 Jane Shiohita

Yer Shiohita
 Jun Hamai & Bryan Kawamura
 Ted Hada
 Shun, Teru Aoyagi, Toshi Okazaki,
 Ritsuko Maynell
 Miyako Smith, Betty Kawano,
 Laura Miura, Yuki Aoyagi
 M/M Teizo Nonaka, Ted Nonaka
 Setsuko Fuller, Miyako Smith
 Parents, 4 brothers & 3 sisters
 John Nishimura
 Don Ida

BY:

George, Mary Fujimoto and Donna Cole
 Yasuko Shimizu
 Robin Miyahara, Grace Tochihara,
 Harry Miyahara
 Susumu Karaki
 Jennifer Lim
 Sue Arai
 Mayrene Kiyota
 Mary K. Ida, Julie Shiohita, Craig Iruya,
 Teddy Shiohita, May Murakami
 Teddy Shiohita
 Frances Hamai
 Paula Matsumoto
 M/M Ken Maynell

May Murakami

M/M Mas Nonaka

Evelyn Hayashida
 Masa Nishimura
 Mae Ida



*Thank you to everyone
 For your gifts and contributions!*

Easter: Sandie Nakayama, Barbara Wong

Bazaar:	Ray Anne Mori	Kim Sasamo
	Pacific Mercantile	William Murakami
	Frank & Toshiko Sakamoto	Ron Ida
	Susan Ibsen	Jim Nogami
	Lily (Sachi) Goto	

Nepal Earthquake:

M/M Tezenlo Thong	Kimiko Side	Sue Arai	Clara Hashimoto
MM/ Hondo Swanberg	Mary Everitt	Grace Tochihara	Noelle Maynell
Anonymous offerings			

Newsletter: Yasuko Shimizu ~ Gloria Smith

Boiler: Dion Dishong ~ **Music:** Thomas Nakai

FIFTY PLUS

Wednesday, July 15th, at 11:30 am the 50+ group will meet to have some Summer food and time for fellowship. Please take a break from your summer work and come join us
Grace Tochihara



OUR CARE CORNER

The families of: Jane Shiohita, Uki Aigaki, Tom Shioji

Others to be Held in Prayer: Emily Mori, Wil Porter,
 Ruth Yamauchi, Ruby Hada, and
 Janet Snider

SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH MAY 2015

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>YTD 2015</u>
Total Regular Income	17,349.45	74,526.84
Fundraising Income	19,933.75	34,908.05
Miscellaneous Income	55.00	591.43
Total Income	37,338.20	110,026.32
Budgeted Operating Expenses	25,636.40	110,220.92
Trustee Building Expenses	5,531.74*	26,902.68*
Total Expenses	31,168.14	137,123.60
Trustee Building Expenses:		
Insurance (Church Mutual)	744.93	3,694.35
Custodial Service	575.00	3,000.00
Maintenance – general	1,560.00	1,2,685.18
Office Eq. Lease	561.71	2,012.02
Utilities – Xcel	1,517.86	9,755.26
Utilities – City of Arvada	-0-	606.68
Trash Service	76.73	385.74
Bus (Honda Van)	-0-	72.95
Maintenance – Furnace & AC (Tolin)	-0-	3,579.26
Maintenance - Elevator	495.72	1,036.44
Property Tax Exp.	-0-	75.00
Total Trustee Expenses	5,531.74*	26,902.68*

Complete Financial Reports are available in the church office upon request.

「心の内に抱く願い」

ジョン エド フランシス

讚美歌では二つの讚美が特に好きです。レントになるとこの二つの讚美歌をよく思い出して、黙って心の中で歌います。この二つの讚美歌の内容が、私の心の内に願うことであるから。

一つの讚美歌で、イエスの人生または彼の生活の姿を思い浮かべます。その姿から私自身が学びたいことが説明されています。

「さびしい谷の道 おおしく主は行かれた、
だれも主と一緒に 歩く者はなかった。

さびしいこの気持 すべて主はごぞんじだ、
だれも主にたよれば ちからがわいてくる。」

信仰によって歩むべき道は、必ずしもやり易いものではありません。その時に自分の為にこの讚美歌を歌います。(第2部165番)

「主よ、日に日に ましたまえ、
つみをくゆる まごころを、
きよめらるる 身のさちを、
つかえまつる よろこびを。

主よ、日に日に ましたまえ、
ごころみには かつものと、
みごころをば 知るものと、
みことばにぞ たつものと。」

神のゆるしと恵みに生かされていることを信じています。その恵みとゆるしを馬鹿にしないように努めることを願います。その日の日に神と共に歩むことを願います。(第1部508番)

父なる神よ、あなたは、わたしが最も遠く離れている時に最も近くにいますし、あなたに見捨てられたと思う時にさえ、すぐそばにおられる方です。どうか、わたしのわがままが敗北することが、あなたの永遠の目的の成就でありますように。

わたしに、あなたの永遠の實在と力とをもっと確信させて下さい。
地上にあるわたしの生の意味をもっとあきらかに悟らせて下さい。

永遠の生命をもっとしっかり掴ませて下さい。
見えざるものを、もっとはっきり望み見させて下さい。
わたしの欲望をもっとおさえやすく、わたしの想像をもっと清純にして下さい。

隣人に対する愛をもっと深く、やさしく、彼らの重荷をすんで負うものとして下さい。

神よ、わたしの魂と、わたしの愛し、愛される人々の魂とを、み守りゆだねます。

イエス・キリスト、われらの主によって。 アーメン



DU AMACHE RESEARCH PROJECT

*Connecting the Pieces:
Dialogues on the Amache Archaeology Collection*

A student and community collaborative exhibit, Connecting the Pieces features objects from the DU Amache Research Project. These items help tell the story of Japanese American internment during World War II. Exhibit will be on display **May 22—September 18, 2015**, and is **free and open to the public**.

Location: Museum of Anthropology, University of Denver, 2000 E. Asbury, Sturm Hall 102. Gallery open 9 am—4 pm, Monday—Friday. For more information, call 303.871.2687

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

On Sunday, June 14th, scholarships were awarded to one high school graduate as well as six continuing college students. Each were presented with a Eugene and Kimiko Side Scholarship.

The Simpson Church's 2015 scholarship recipients are:

Those
Graduating
In Our
Church



Eugene and Kimiko Side High School Graduate Scholarship
Recipient:

Hayden Nix

Eugene and Kimiko Side Continuing College Scholarship Re-
cipients:

Jillian Boyer, Tommy FitzSimons, Allyson Goto, Blake Kitayama,
Taylor Kitayama and Suzuho Shimasaki

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all the recipients!

YES, THERE WILL BE PEACHES!

I checked with the peach farm and although the late snow and frost has affected some of the Western Slope farmers, C & R was fortunate and came through it ok!

We will have Peaches this year so spread the word and more details will be forth coming!

Report on The 2015 Rocky Mountain Annual Conference
YMCA Estes Park, Colorado

“Cultivating The Tree of Life”
Missional Theme: Renewal of Creation

Submitted by Joe Hayashi

To my friends who worship at the Simpson United Methodist Church in Arvada, Colorado.

Thank you so much for the pleasure and the honor of letting me represent you at the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church. The place is beautiful and the place is peaceful where one can relax and be at peace with God.

I feel that it is so important that the Simpson Lay representative to the Annual Conference be present and represent our Church at this event. Important because people will know that we exist, we can provide input on legislative matters, we can cast our votes, and we can converse with other churches to see what they are doing.

The theme for this year was “Cultivating The Tree of Life” with a missionary focus on “The Renewal of Creation”. As representatives of the various United Methodist Churches, we focused on “The Renewal of Creation” and we explored how the Earth and all of God’s creation were perpetuating god’s Love and Salvation. There was much discussion about sustainability and environmental racism.

On Thursday, there was a memorial service for Clergy and family members who had passed away this year. There was a Young People’s Panel which discussed current issues and the evening was closed with an address by Bishop Elaine Stanovsky. Friday was a solid work day: Bible Study, Business Discussions, Shared Futures Committee Reports, Christian Conferencing, and Legislative Committees. On Saturday, we had Bible Study, legislative elections, more business meetings and workshops.

This year was peaceful and calming: we visualized our travel up the mountain and throughout our environment to study our connection to God and His Creation. The theme for this year was “Cultivating The Tree of Life”. In her welcome address to the Annual Conference, Bishop Stanovsky said Jesus came so that people could live life to the fullest in spite of pipeline breaks, hurricanes, tornadoes, blizzards, earthquakes, and other disasters. Growing at the center of the Garden of Eden in Genesis, and growing in the middle of the New Jerusalem in Revelation, the “Tree of Life” offered fruit that was good to eat, and leaves for the healing of nations.

REPORT ON THE 2015 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Rebecca Parker President Emerita and Professor of Theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California spoke on “The Renewal of Creation”. She stated that relationships between human beings and the rest of God’s Creation are delicate both theologically and ecologically. Genesis describes the beauty of God’s Creation. She addressed the daily effects of human activity on God’s Creation. Through Scripture and works of art, she explained why prior to the tenth Century, there were no images of Christ being crucified.

There were 700 participants at this Annual Conference with the states of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming represented. The following are some points that were covered:

+This year, the Rocky Mountain Conference gave more to UMCOR than any other Conference in the Western Jurisdiction.

+At next year’s May 2016 General Conference in Portland, Oregon nearly 4,000 Methodists will be coming from all over the world to attend this event. Many of them will not be able to speak English.

+At this General Conference, the acceptance of Gay Marriages will be discussed. Also on the agenda will be the changing of some wording in the Book of Discipline.

+Proposals are being considered to merge the Yellowstone Conference and the Rocky Mountain Conference. Based on my experience with the states of Wyoming and Montana, I told my Legislative group that this was a bad idea.

+The Church Mutual Insurance Company has changed the wind and hail damage deductible to 1%. What does this mean to Simpson and it’ Board of Trustees? 1% of our Church’s property value may not sound like much, but some churches in Colorado are being faced with a deductible of \$40,000 or \$50,000.

+This year The Rocky Mountain Conference paid 100% of its apportionment for the first time.

+The Heifer Project and the Goat Projects are doing well. A recipient discharges his obligations by giving away a calf or a baby goat (kid).

+The Rocky Mountain Conference and the Yellowstone Conference are experiencing a decline hence the discussions of a merger.

+42% of adults today are embracing a different religion than the religion that they enjoyed as a child.

+The Rocky Mountain Conference is on track to provide 1.45 million dollars for the “Imagine No Malaria” program. One individual donated a half million dollars “on the spot”.

REPORT ON THE 2015 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

+In Haiti, a million eggs/day are imported from the Dominican Republic. 60% of Haitians are engaged in agriculture.

+The Rocky Mountain Conference has raised millions of dollars for AIDS relief.

75% will be sent to Libya

12 ½% will be sent to India

12 ½% will be sent to affected orphans in Kenya

+ The MORINGA tree in Haiti has incredible nutritional and medical benefits including hypertension relief. It is not sold over the counter in the United States.

As members of the Simpson United Methodist Church, where do we go from here? Bishop Stanovsky challenges us to pay attention to the world around us and observe what is happening. In what ways can we appreciate God's Creation: the sun, the moon, the waters, trees, plants. As we read the Bible, notice God's reference to the Earth, the fruits, the mountains, the waters, the gardens. Pay attention to ourselves – we are a precious and beloved child of God. Pay attention to how we fit into God's scheme of things. Notice His creations: how we take it for granted, how we use His resources, how do we take care of His creations?

When I began to work for the Department of Interior forty years ago, I listened to an expert explain how the Native Americans took good care of Earth and the environment. They believed that the Earth was on loan from God and He was only letting us use it temporarily. Since it was a loan, we needed to return it to Him in excellent condition. There was little waste, littering, or destruction of our natural resources.

I have a plaque in my loft office entitled "Desiderata". It was given to me by Sam Mayeda, Pat's brother. The words on this plaque are taken from a chiseled message on the wall of a centuries old Cathedral in Europe. The latter part of this chiseled message advises us to: "Be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the Universe, no less than the trees and stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.
JH

O.N.E. CORNER



We have had a lot of nice feedback from people that have received the personal cards from our Prayer Group Card Signing Committee.

Thank you Jenny Mahoney for your hard work!

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July 2015

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Children Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
5 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Communion Kait & Crochel - <i>anytime/anyplace</i> Fellowship Hall 11 am - 1 pm	6	7 7:00pm Yoga	8	9 10:00 am staff mtg	10 10am-3pm Game Day	11 Talko Yoga
12 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICESS S.P.R.C. Trustees	13 VBS 9:30 am - 12:30 pm 10:00am Ukulele	14 VBS 9:30 am - 12:30 pm 7:00pm Yoga	15 VBS 9:30 am - 12:30 pm 11:30 am - 50+ Lunch 6:00pm Finance 7:00pm Ad Council	16 VBS 8:30 am - 12:30 pm 10:00 am staff mtg	17	18 Talko Yoga
19 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Bridge to Future Sunday Church Picnic @ SUMC Kait & Crochel	20 6:30 - 8:30 Study for Japanese Language Proficiency Test	21 6:30 - 8:30 Study for Japanese Language Proficiency Test 7:00pm Yoga	22 6:30 - 8:30 Study for Japanese Language Proficiency Test	23 10:00 am staff mtg 6:30 - 8:30 Study for Japanese Language Proficiency Test	24 6:30 - 8:30 Study for Japanese Language Proficiency Test	25 Talko Yoga
26 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICESS S.P.R.C.	27 10:00 Ukulele	28 7:00pm Yoga	29	30 10:00 am staff mtg	31	

LITURGISTS
 July 5 Hugh Perry
 July 12 John Hall
 July 19 Bridge to Future Sunday: July 26 - Paula Matsumoto

GROCERY CERTIFICATES
 Bob Fujioka

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PLAN TO ATTEND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 13 –16, 2015
9:00 am—12:30 pm

If you are interested in helping or would like to attend please contact

Brenda at bs8128bs@gmail.com or 303-981-0391



HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!