

Report from delegates Alice Lemieux and Melissa Rosales, who represented UUCB at the Pacific Central District's annual business meeting on 6/12/21.

From the 2021 Board report (pages 7-10 in the [meeting packet](#) for the full report)

Background

- In July 2020, a quorum of delegates from [Pacific Central District \(PCD\)](#) communities agreed to continue exploring how we might support one another on a district scale.
- With the arrival of a new developmental regional lead, it seemed likely that we could address the large institutional questions about how [UUA's regionalization](#) would work in the Pacific West. For example, how might regional staff and volunteer leaders collaborate to strengthen our movement?
- All four districts of the [Pacific Western Region](#) are ready to move into a new phase of regionalization. Some are dissolving (the Pacific Southwest District, PSWD and the Pacific Northwest District, PNWD)
- In the Pacific Central District, there are important ministries that do not belong to individual UU communities or the UUA/Region.

Considerations

- The Board proposes that the Pacific Central District adopt a single focus: funding ministries that belong not to individual UU communities, nor to the UUA as a whole, but to communities with a shared history as a District. Ministries such as:
 - Youth Ministry Consultation Project - [Common Ground Council](#)
 - UU Theological schools in our area, such as [Starr King School for the Ministry](#) (financial support provided by the PCD through a named bequest)
 - [Balázs Scholar Program](#)
 - [Chalice lighters programs](#) (to support growth, outreach, inclusion in our member congregations)
 - Widening The Circle Of Concern from the [UUA Commission on Institutional Change](#) (efforts specifically in our district)
 - [Bay Area meetup](#)
 - Other emerging ministries that are happening in the district that we may not know about yet
- At present, benefits of continued existence outweigh benefits of immediate dissolution.
- PCD has financial resources that seem unwise to forfeit without careful deliberation, and ministries that seem unconscionable to abandon.
- The PCD has over \$300,000 in cash reserves. One of the goals of the current Board has been to actually use the District's financial resources for what they were intended: to fulfill our collective aspirations. By focusing solely on funding ministries, we may finally be able to do this.
- As long as there are volunteers from among us willing to provide a channel for these resources, we can make good use of these shared resources.

Outcomes of 2021 Annual Meeting

- The [2021-2022 Budget](#) was approved by the delegates (see also pages 13-15 in the [meeting packet](#))
- The [slate of candidates](#) for the Board and Nominating Committee were affirmed by the delegates, with the addition of one new Board member elected from the floor – [Rev Ben Meyers from San Mateo](#)
 - Youth Member: The Board is recommending that the youth member position be left open pending conversations with communities of youth on how best to engage youth in decision making.
 - There are 4 open spots on the Nominating Committee

Upcoming year, 2021-2022

- The Board will revise the bylaws
- Invitation to other Volunteer Opportunities:
 - Volunteers interested in regionalization, to work with the Board
 - The Board is seeking volunteers to reach out to member congregations in our district to ask questions pertaining to the [UUA Article II Study Commission](#) (questions such as “What are our values?” and “How do we want to live those values?”) and compile the feedback to give to the commission for consideration.