

## Editorial Statement

This session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, the 1987 Annual Conference. This session marks the 20th anniversary of The United Methodist Church in 1968, and the 49th anniversary of the Methodist Church in 1939, and the 137th anniversary of the Methodist Church since its formation in 1851, the oldest of the merging annual conferences.

The 1987 Annual Conference shall include: 1) the following: Obispo; Santa Barbara (except for the town of New Paltz); San Diego; Imperial (except for the town of Fort San Blythe); San Bernardino (except for the town of San Dimas); only the towns of Inyokern, Randsburg and Ridgecrest; Territory of Guam and other territory of the United States.



## Logo Interpretation

Life hungry for wholeness. It reaches out past barriers to fulfill its promise. Life empties itself of all things which cripple its source and roots itself deeply in that which sustains it. Love and flame, reveal to us the power of life immersed in the Spirit of Life.

Our redeemer lives and seeks to do great works of redemption. How deeply of the Spirit of Life? (The logo of the United Methodist Church is printed above.)

The Worship Committee

## Editor's Notes

Due to the tight deadlines, many people have worked long and hard to prepare and make current the material which this issue contains. We have found that information has not been available or that it is not in your understanding of this problem. Your help in this regard has been appreciated, and we continue to welcome your suggestions. We want to work towards "perfection."

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George Walters, Conference Secretary

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**Bishop Jack M. Tuell**  
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son in December of 1912. Elsie and Carl's ministry began as a Deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church by Bishop. He took them to several churches in Oklahoma, Oregon and Tennessee. From the Military, he and Elsie continued their ministry. They helped start the churches in Duarte and La Tijera, San Juan, Star, Beaumonts, Daughters of the Nile and MOWW. For almost 70 years. Elsie is survived by her son, Richard, and so Downs; granddaughter, Pat Cunningham of Mesa, Arizona; of Seattle, Washington; sister Katherine Daily of San Bernardino; Mrs. C. B. Turner of Roswell; six great-grandchildren; and a woman and she leaves quite a void.

— Pat Cunningham

**ER MURILLO DAVILA**

born 12, 1907 — September 4, 1986  
 son of the Rev. Nicolas B. Davila, died on September 4, 1986. He resided in Pasadena, California with her daughter Eva.

married to Rev. Davila in June of 1926 and together they lived in Orange County, took them to Stockton, California, Los Angeles, and eventually, to Tucson, Arizona where they

her indomitable spirit. After experiencing a first stroke with a handicap which she refused to accept. Her joy of life was in cooking, travelling (especially to Hawaii and Mexico) and music could always be heard in the choirs of the churches.

family and friends.  
 sisters — Faith Rodriguez of Azusa, Eva Acevedo of Pasadena; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She died in 1982.

— Eva Acevedo

**LEOLA THOMAS FORD**

born October 2, 1889 — Died May 2, 1986  
 Leola Ford died on May 2, 1986, followed her husband Don Ford who yearned-for-Home. Leola was born on a farm near Ellsworth College, taught school in Des Moines, then worked in the high school at Taft. There she met and married a minister, Don Ford. Her training helped her as a Sunday school teacher and Don shared, and when she gave countless devotions. They were the parents of four children — Dorothy, Don, David and a daughter. From the tragedy of David's death when he was ten years

old, she was comforted by going calling with her husband and by greeting people at the church (to remind him of names), and by entertaining. She died in 1961, Leola traveled, recorded textbooks for the WSCS and the WSCS at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, where her memorial service was held on May 9, in 1961. She was 82 she moved to Kingsley Manor and there she spent the beautiful grounds. Her stay in Kingsley Manor covered her friendship there with Ruth Guild and by dear Fama. She spent a noon for a visit with her friend.  
 She is survived by ten, eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren she

wrote: "I am so happy to have had all of you as my family. I do hope when I have gone into that Land Beyond, that someday, I'll see you again. I have been blessed to have a family so good to me. I've loved you all."  
 — Dorothy Vanderpool, Don R. Ford, Eva Hope Heckerorth

**ANNA AMELIA HOWLETT**

Born February 25, 1885 — Died February 26, 1987

Anna Amelia Howlett was born on February 25, 1885 in Victor, Iowa, where she was reared and educated.

In 1912 she married Fred W. Howlett. She and Fred, a United Methodist minister, moved to California in 1914 and settled in Guerneville. They moved to several appointments, including Chico. Her husband became a minister of visitation at Trinity United Methodist Church and served until he was 89 years of age. Anna continued to be active in the church after the death of her husband. She and the wife of another United Methodist minister, continued to call on shut-ins and other members of the congregation for several years.

Anna was the mother of two sons, Erwin of Chico and William of Redding, CA; grandmother to two grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

The Rev. Carl Walker, who spoke at her Memorial, began his eulogy with the words: "Anna Howlett was a saint," and her friends felt that way about her.  
 — E. M. Howlett

**RUTH APPENZELLER KNIGHT**

June 14, 1894 — November 25, 1986

Ruth was born to Mattie and William Arthur Noble, the eldest of five and one of the earliest "missionary kids" in Seoul, Korea. During her senior year at Teacher's College, she met Henry Dodge Appenzeller, the only son of Henry Gerhart Appenzeller, the first Methodist Missionary to Korea. They were married in the Chong Dong Church founded by his father on the same compound as his school, Pai Chai. They had a family of three, and still found time to teach at the school and entertain faculty, parents and students in her home.

Ruth epitomized loving concern for the well-being of others, whether it was on the Mission field or as the pastor's wife at the First Methodist Church of Honolulu, or as a friend and neighbor. Throughout her life she carried on a prodigious correspondence with students, family and friends around the world.

After the War in Korea, she assisted her husband with Relief and Rehabilitation for Church World Service, and after his death, supervised the interdenominational Guest House in Seoul, Korea.

When she returned from Korea at age 68, she became a public speaker, educating Americans about Korea and Koreans. At age 85 she married Cecil Knight and continued to travel and talk about Korea until her death at 92.

— Richard D. Appenzeller

**MARY CRESE MOTT ACUFF MCWETHY**

August 12, 1888 — November 13, 1986

Mary Crese Mott Acuff McWethy was born August 12, 1888 at Mt. Mourne, North Carolina. She was married on May 16, 1917 to Rev. Rosal K. Acuff, a minister at the Methodist Church in Duncan, Arizona. From there they moved to Camp Verde, Morenci, Clifton and Bowie.

In 1922 they moved to California and served in churches at Healdsburg, Cloverdale, Princeton, Richmond, Le Grande, Livermore, Carpinteria, Kingsburg, Alhambra, Santa Ana and Los Angeles.

Some years after the death of Rev. Acuff she married Mr. Edwin R. McWethy on March 22, 1952.

After her marriage to Rev. Acuff she entered tirelessly and enthusiastically into the life of the church, using her talents in whatever area they were needed. She played the piano,