

1 **Petition to the 2008 Western Jurisdictional Conference**

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3 **TITLE: Movement of “Extravagant Hospitality”**

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5 **FINANCIAL IMPACT: Request to JCFA for a minimum of \$50,000 for the Director of**
6 **Communications**

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9 Pacific; Kelvin Sauls, California-Nevada; Laddie Galang, California-Nevada; Lonnie Brooks,
10 Alaska; Ryan Russell, Pacific Northwest; Karin Hilton, California-Nevada; Greg Nelson,
11 Oregon-Idaho; Frank Wulf, California-Pacific; and Devin Mauney, Desert Southwest

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13 **Resolution:** Be it resolved that we name our jurisdictional theme as “Extravagant Hospitality”
14 for the quadrennium 2008-2012.

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16 **Commitments:** To extend our hospitality, we will commit ourselves to:

- 17 (1) **Local Churches:** Encourage every local church in our jurisdiction to find one way to
18 extend hospitality beyond the present level of their church’s ministry.
19 (2) **Website Communication:** Sponsor a website to inspire, communicate, inform, guide,
20 share stories, and resource the jurisdictional efforts to expand hospitality.
21 (3) **Jurisdictional Event:** Offer one jurisdictional training event in mid-quadrennium in
22 which people worship, engage in biblical study on hospitality, and participate in dynamic
23 workshops.
24 (4) **Annual Conference Themes:** Identify one year in which all of the annual conferences of
25 the Western Jurisdiction would collaboratively celebrate the theme of Extravagant
26 Hospitality.
27 (5) **Resources:** Produce one or more resources during the quadrennium, including perhaps a
28 biblical study of hospitality, a local church study, and/or a book of sermons.

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30 **Implementation:** To implement these plans, we will:

- 31 (1) **Communications:** The Jurisdictional Director of Communications will develop a section
32 or link on the website to communicate and resource our theme of “extravagant
33 hospitality.” This will include gathering and disseminating stories, sermons, and
34 resources to support the theme.
35 (2) **Jurisdictional Event:** Ask the Inter-Ethnic Coordinating Committee to sponsor the
36 jurisdictional event on extravagant hospitality.
37 (3) **Resource Development:** Explore partnerships with United Methodist theological schools
38 to communicate and produce resources on extravagant hospitality.

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10 **FINANCIAL IMPACT: Request to JCFA for a minimum of \$50,000 to contract for the**
11 **position of Director of Communications**

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13 **Resolution:** Be it resolved that the Western Jurisdiction add a part-time Director of
14 Communications to: facilitate communications across the Jurisdiction; develop and maintain our
15 jurisdictional website; and work with Annual Conference Directors of Communications. This
16 person would be hired by, would work with, and would report to the WJ Leadership Team or its
17 Executive Committee. The purpose of the position would be to enable our annual conferences to
18 be more fully connectional and to strengthen the Jurisdictional identity and ministry.

1I move that the Western Jurisdiction add \$50,000 to its quadrennial budget for communications.
2This would include \$10,000 per year for each year of the quadrennium to contract for the
3Western Jurisdictional Director of Communications, plus an additional \$10,000 to contract for
4website consultation during the 2008-2012 quadrennium. I further move that the Jurisdictional
5Leadership Team set an annual "Telling Our Story" Sunday with a special offering. The Team
6would set one Sunday each year during the quadrennium, and the annual conferences would
7conduct the campaign. The goal is to raise an additional \$90,000 for jurisdictional
8communications.

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10Explanation: The total of \$140,000 would include \$25,000 per year for contracting the Director
11of Communications, plus \$10,000 per year for website support and consultation.