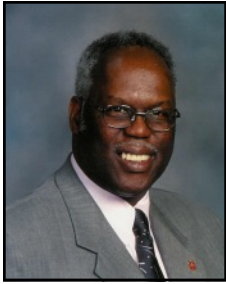


We Welcome Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr.

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. takes his place as Resident Bishop of the San Francisco Area, California-Nevada Annual Conference, on September 1, 2008. Bishop Brown is returning to this conference, from which he was elected to the episcopacy, after serving the Denver Area since 2000.



“This conference has been home to me and my family for more than 20 years,” he says. “I eagerly anticipate the time to renew friendships and develop new ones as we move forward together in ministry.”

Ordained a Deacon in the Baltimore Annual Conference in 1973, Brown transferred to the Pennsylvania Annual Conference, where he was ordained an Elder, then came to Cal-Nevada in response to a national search to fill an associate conference staff position. Six months later he was named Conference Council Director. Four years

after that he was appointed Golden Gate District Superintendent, and four years later was given charge of Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church in Oakland, California.

During Brown’s tenure at Taylor Memorial he led the community’s ecumenical disaster response to the Loma Prieta Earthquake and subsequent fires. After 11 successful years there, he was appointed to be Senior Pastor of First UMC in Bakersfield, California. Two years into this pastorate, he was nominated and endorsed by the conference for the episcopacy: and at the Western Jurisdiction Conference Sessions in Casper, Wyoming in July, 2000, was elected on the 19th ballot and assigned to the Denver Episcopal Area (Yellowstone/Rocky Mountain Conferences).

Bishop Brown has been active in the social justice ministries and programs of the communities and church connections where he has been appointed, including serving as Volunteer Police Chaplain, trustee of the Glide Foundation, vice-chair of the Community Advisory Commission for Alameda County Medical Center, member of the Governing Board of United Way for Kern County, and chair of the Board of Directors for the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter. He is a recipient of the Outstanding Leadership and Service Award for Emergency Response Ministries, given by United Methodist Committee on Relief (1996), and of a Congressional Commendation from Congresswoman Barbara Lee (1998).

General Church leadership positions include: twice serving as delegate to General Conference; member of the General Commission on Religion and Race; a director for the General Board of Discipleship, in its Division on

Ministries With Young People, Upper Room Ministries Division, and Discipleship Ministries Division; faculty member for New DS/CCD training; Harry Hoosier Member of, and twice the host for, Black Methodists for Church Renewal; chair of the Board of Missions in California-Nevada, along with other conference boards and agencies; adjunct consultant to the Alban Institute; and Wesley Seminary Distinguished Alumnus.

In 2007, Bishop Brown was advisor for the United Methodist Church’s first Global Young People’s Convocation, held in Johannesburg, South Africa. He currently serves as a director for the General Board of Global Ministries.

Greeting Cal-Nevada after his eight-year absence, Bishop Brown says, “From what I have learned, you have been actively striving to gain clarity about the conference vision, ‘Passion in Jesus Christ, Compassion for All.’ I look forward to partnering with you to build on that vision as we continue to do the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Please join in extending a warm
welcome to Bishop and Mrs. Brown
on their return to Cal-Nevada.

You are invited to attend one or more of
these Welcome Celebrations:



Saturday, October 4
2:00 p.m. – Central UMC, Stockton
Installation of Bishop Warner H.
Brown, Jr.

as Resident Bishop of the San Francisco Area

Sunday, October 5
4:00 p.m. – Korean UMC of Santa Clara Valley, San Jose
Reception Honoring Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr.

Saturday, October 11
2:00 p.m. – First UMC, Carson City, Nevada
Reception Honoring Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr.