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SCC Votes to Ordain Women to the Gospel Ministry; Submits Two Names to Pacific Union Conference

On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, the Southern California Conference Executive Committee (SCCExCom) addressed the subject of ordination after a six-month process, which included:

• Surveying the conference clergy and lay leadership of the conference's five Region committees;

• Reading, reflection and prayer about ordination of pastors;

· Exchanging views and opinions on the matter;

• Requesting the Pacific Union Conference to support ordination of women;

• Recognizing the strong views and opinions held by people on both sides on the subject of ordination including women.

The SCCExCom voted to ordain pastors, men and women, to the gospel ministry in the Southern California Conference territory.

This action will be implemented for all candidates who are recommended by the Conference Ordination Committee and submitted by the Conference Executive Committee to the Pacific Union Conference for final approval.

The SCCExCom additionally voted to submit to the Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee the names of Myriam Salcedo-Gonzalez and Janet L. White, pastors holding the Commissioned Minister Credential, recommending them for ordination to the Gospel Ministry.

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