Report on California-Nevada

California-Nevada is in the beginning stages of forming a conference Climate Justice task force. In order to give the task force wider recognition and institutional weight, a recommendation is being submitted to the annual conference session (June 10-14) to establish it as an official annual conference body, under the Cal-Nevada Advocacy and Justice Committee. This would require a change in the conference standing rules. The recommendation calls for the task force to survey church participation in creation care and climate justice ministries, to publicize the results, to facilitate coordination, and to report on progress at each annual conference session. This resolution is being submitted by a diverse group of co-sponsors.

Update: On May 20, at our legislative session, 95% of Annual Conference members voted to recommend its passage to Annual Conference, so it has been put on the consent calendar. The conference Core Team supports it and invited the sponsors of the recommendation to apply for a grant from their funds for emerging initiatives in ministry and to expand our focus. The Core Team will confer with us again before the Annual Conference on issues of funding and staffing. We have lots of ideas and enthusiasm about what we could do with money and staff. We will keep you all posted.

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