We began with a time of worship and praise led by Amy Meng, the wife of Pastor Trent Meng. The Mengs are leading the Aliso Viejo church plant.

#### Introduction: Pastor Jason Garcia, PCJC Superintendent

Pastor Garcia from spoke on the topic of fear:

- 1 Sam 17:11—Facing Goliath, leader Saul was *fearful* and the people saw it and they became *afraid*.
- 1 Sam 17:52—David defeated Goliath and the people's fear was replaced by courage that led to a great victory for GOD.
- Key points:
  - The enemy knows that your dreams become a fantasy if you are too afraid to make them a reality.
  - Believe that GOD wants the things that GOD places in our hearts to happen.
  - "A winner is a loser who does not give up."

## **Free Methodist Update: Bishop Matt Thomas**

- The PCJC is a small conference (1,365 members in 25 churches), but in 2017 it surpassed all other Free Methodist USA conferences in its annual rate of growth in three categories: attendance, membership, and new churches.
  - Attendance increased by 12 percent (from 1,274 to 1,431).
  - Membership increased by 5 percent (from 1,294 to 1,365).
  - The number of churches in the PCJC increased by 13 percent (from 22 to 25).
- Free Methodism is growing rapidly in the world, with the greatest growth in persecuted areas of the world where it is illegal to preach JESUS.

# **Ministerial Education Guidance Report: Pastor Keith Tanita**

- Ordination: Nathan Cherney and Lauren Fukuzawa-Wong were accepted by vote as elders
  (pastors) into the PCJC. Lauren has served at Anaheim FMC for over 10 years She has been
  active in serving at Family Camp. Pastor Shin stated that he believes that Lauren has prophetic
  gifting. Nathan served as Assistant Pastor at VFMC for 3 years and with his ordination is now our
  Associate Pastor.
- Appointments: New pastors in the PCJC:
  - Peninsula Hope Church: Reverend Daniel Baxter
  - East Bay Church: Reverend Tim Coleman
  - New Life Clovis: Reverend Kenji Nitta

#### Church Plant Introductions: Pastor Jason Garcia, PCJC Superintendent

- Becoming Church (Aliso Viejo): Pastor Trent and Amy Meng. This church started meeting in a movie theater in February 2018. Since then about 34 people have accepted JESUS.
- Voice Church (Tustin): Pastor Taka and Natalie Iguchi are coming from Newsong Church, a very large predominantly Asian church in Orange County. Taka and Natalie are planting a new PCJC church in Tustin. Please see the website at www.voice.church. They are praying to launch 10 new churches in 10 years from this original church plant in Tustin. They are raising \$100,000 for the first plant.

### **Missions Update: Pastor Jenny Switkes**

- Pastor Gene and Minori Hall are no longer pastoring at New Life Glendale Church. They will
  instead be PCJC-sponsored missionaries to Japan. The Hall's are currently raising support and
  asking for prayer coverage. For more information, visit
  fmcusa.org/fmmissions/gene-and-minori-hall.
- Heavenly Treasures is celebrating their 20-year anniversary. Their ministry involves 20 countries
  and includes Bible and devotional distribution, accountability groups, counseling, and marriage
  workshops, in addition to working to develop life-sustaining skills in artisans from different
  countries.
- RIZE church-planting campaign (not affiliated with RIZE Church): The PCJC started the RIZE campaign in 2017.
  - The PCJC envisions 20 new church plants in the next 10 years from Seattle to San Diego.
  - This campaign will require more funds than those raised by the General Conference Assessment from each Conference Church. Please consider donating to this fund at PCJCFM.org/rizecampaign.