

NAFAUM 18th Convocation

Venue: Memorial United Methodist Church, Clovis, CA

Dates: July 5, 2025: Online Convocation & Business Session;
July 31 - Aug 2, 2025: Convocation Proper

Program Components

Worship. We will gather as a community of Filipino/Filipino-American United Methodists to affirm our faith in God and our common bond with each other.

The New UMC Vision, Mission Statement. By the time NAFAUM meets for the 18th Convocation, the new vision and mission statement of The United Methodist Church shall have been released. This would be an opportunity to hear from a leader of the church to expound on this new vision and mission statement.

Business Sessions. Per Article 4, Section 4.01 of the NAFAUM Constitution and By-Laws, NAFAUM gathers to elect the board of directors of NAFAUM and the commissioners of the Filipino Vitality Commission; elect officers for the next biennium; hear the reports of the President, Treasurer, and other committees; adopt the budget; pass appropriate resolutions and motions; and amend by-laws when appropriate.

We will have an online convocation to be held on July 5th to receive reports from the treasurer, and several committees: By-Laws, Nominations, and Resolutions.

Kapihan (World Cafe). Kapihan, or more commonly known as World Cafe, is a methodology for hosting and facilitating large group conversations. There are various cafe tables throughout the venue where small groups of participants can gather and participate in conversations. There are three rounds of conversations where participants will tackle one question for each round. Each round lasts for 15 minutes. After each round, participants move to another table to engage in conversation with other participants.

Another hour will be devoted for World Cafe harvest, which is the term used for processing the result of the conversations in a big group (plenary) setting. Individuals are invited to share key highlights and insights from their conversations.

World Cafe Ministry Plan is a facilitated conversation that processes, distills, and puts together the insights from the World Cafe into the beginnings of a ministry action plan that would help guide the direction of NAFAUM in the coming years. Specific action items and recommendations will be referred to the newly elected officers and/or Filipino Vitality Commission for planning, and implementation. A guide for running World Cafe may be found at https://www.fsg.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/World-Cafe-Method_0.pdf

Questions for Discussion during the World Cafe

Round 1: What is our big WHY as NAFAUM?

Round 2: Who are the people NAFAUM seeks to serve? How can NAFAUM best serve them?

Round 3: Where do you see NAFAUM in the next 5-10 years given the current context of The UMC, the USA, and the Philippines?

Schedule

July 19, 2025	NAFAUM 18th Convocation Online Business Session
3:00 - 5:00 PM Pacific Time 5:00 - 7:00 PM Central Time 6:00 - 8:00 PM Eastern Time 6:00 - 8:00 AM Philippine Time (July 6, 2025)	Agenda Treasurer's Report By-Laws Committee Report Nominations Committee Report Resolutions Committee Report
DAY 1, Thu Jul 31, 2025	
1:30 - 5:30 PM	Arrival & Registration
5:30 - 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Opening Worship & Holy Communion Speaker: Bishop Sandy Olewine
8:30 - 9:30 PM	Business Session 1 Gathering & Opening Prayer Courtesies & Introductions Guidelines for Holy Conferencing Welcome Night NAFAUM Young People's Address President's Address
DAY 2, Fri Aug 1, 2025	
6:00 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast on your own
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Morning Worship
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Bible Study Rev. Eleazar Fernandez
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Kapihan (World Cafe): Conversations

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12:30 - 2:00 PM	Lunch (Gathering of affinity groups: clergy, lay, young people, deaconesses, etc)
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Kapihan (World Cafe) Harvest: Sharing insights and highlights from conversations
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 - 5:00 PM	Kapihan (World Cafe) Ministry Action: Facilitated Conversation that could lead to the formation of the suggested ministry action plan to be sent to the board and a new set of officers.
5:00 - 7:30 PM	Dinner Jurisdictional Gatherings
7:30 - 9:00 PM	Filipiniana Night
DAY 3, Sat Aug 2, 2025	
6:00 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast (on your own)
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Business Session 2 Courtesies and Introductions Election of NAFAUM Officers & Board Members Unfinished Business
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 AM - 12:00 NN	Closing Worship with Communion & Consecration of NAFAUM Officers & Board Members Speaker: Bishop Carlo Rapanut
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch