

Pacific Asian American/Canadian Christian Education

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Program Mission/Purpose:

For the benefit of our communions, the Pacific Asian American/Canadian Christian Education, committed to contextual education, serves as a resource to equip persons to become meaningfully integrated in their faith and cultures.

1. What specific actions has the program ministry committee taken or plans to take to follow through with the work on cultural proficiency begun in the January 2005 ELMC meeting?

As PAACCE's representative in 2006, Po Min Wang reported his attendance at Jan. 2006 ELMC meeting. A major focus of his report was on the book *Good to Great* by Jim Collins. PAACCE in its board meeting asked the question, "What is it that we as PAACCE does best and keep working on it?" This question will be the guiding light of the future ministry of PAACCE. Our ongoing dialogue with the Committee on Black Congregational Ministries helps us keep the issues of cultural proficiency before us.

2. What actions has the program ministry committee taken to strengthen its relations to:

a. Other ELMC program ministry committees: PAACCE is planning a joint meeting with the Committee on Black Congregational Ministries on Oct. 11-13 at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Two bodies already had a joint gathering in 2004. However, this coming meeting will include in-depth activities with the help of McCormick staff in order to develop meaningful mutual understanding and possible collaborative projects.

b. NCCC member communions not represented at the table: Every board meeting, we discussed how to communicate with missing members and recruit missing communions as important tasks for us to deal with.

c. Other communions and/or agencies? McCormick Seminary's AADVENT (Asian-American Discipleship for Vocational Empowerment, Nurture and Transformation) endorsed by PAACCE sent its representative as a board member through PC USA. PAACCE is expected to be an active partner in this ministry.

APCE has been a place where many PAACCE members meet each other. Asian American Educational Ministry Team offers Asian American workshops for the participants.



3. How does the work of your program ministry committee make ELMC a stronger witness to the unity of the church?

PAACCE would like to be a strong voice representing Asian American communities to ELMC and beyond.

4. What work of this program ministry committee was carried forward between meetings of the committee and how was it done?

Several projects with project managers in place are on going works of PAACCE. Two board meetings in a year are just checking points. List serve set up by the ELMC office is a great means to communicate between the meetings.

5. What resources/products/services does the program ministry offer to denominations/congregations/the public?

An annotated bibliography, "*Asian-American Cultural Literacy*" brochure, was produced and is being distributed among communions, agencies, and educational institutions. Other resources are being developed such as a Bible study material for Asian American Youth, "New Moon" and an Asian Worship book project.

6. What recommendations do you want to make to the Education and Leadership Ministries Commission? To the NCCC?

PAACCE will celebrate 30th anniversary in 2008. We would like to share leadership in liturgies at 2008 ELMC meeting as a way to celebrate Asian-American ministry with ELMC leadership.

Membership:

Don Ng	American Baptist Churches in the USA
Jae Chung	American Baptist Churches in the USA
Lucille S. Caldwell	The Episcopal Church USA
Fran Toy	The Episcopal Church USA
Pongsak Limthongviratn	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
David Chai	Presbyterian Church USA
Laura Mariko Cheifetz	Presbyterian Church USA
Joseph Nghia Dai Nguyen	Presbyterian Church USA
Shawn Kang	Presbyterian Church USA
Ella K. Campbell	Reformed Church in America
Po-Min Wang	Reformed Church in America
Karl Lam	United Church of Canada
Rose Lee	United Church of Christ
Sungnam Choi	United Methodist Church, General Board of Discipleship
Jong Sung Kim	United Methodist Church General Board of Global Ministries

