

NORTH AMERICAN PACIFIC/ASIAN DISCIPLES MINISTRIES

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Mission of NAPAD.

The North American Pacific/Asian Disciples of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) affirms the cultures and heritages of Pacific/Asian peoples within the historic and living Christian faith. As part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we join with other Disciples in the total mission of the church, to recognize and promote the gifts and presence of North American Pacific/Asian Disciples in the life and work of the Church.

Purpose of NAPAD.

1. To participate in God’s mission through the various expressions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.
2. To enhance the unity of NAPAD within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.
3. To act as a liaison, on behalf of all North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, to the related groups within and beyond the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.
4. To share with the wider Church the cultures and gifts of North American Pacific/Asian Disciples.

The NAPAD ministry in the year 2009 has been thriving in accordance with the Disciples identity, “...*a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world...*” The ministry of NAPAD is faithfully on the frontline of accomplishment of the four mission priorities of the Church: *Becoming a Pro-Reconciling and Anti-Racist Church; New Church Establishment; Congregational Transformation; Leadership Development.*

NOTE: Geunhee Yu, Executive Pastor, was on sabbatical for three months (September 1 through November 30) in 2009. During his leave, John Donggook Roh was Acting Executive Pastor working two days a week. Geunhee had a restful and fruitful sabbatical, mostly traveling six countries, including the holy land, for enrichment of his faith journey.

I. Becoming a Pro-Reconciling and Anti-Racist Church.

North American Pacific/Asian Disciples is composed of vastly diverse people in ethnicity and language and culture. Within NAPAD, there are fourteen significantly different ethnic/language groups. Nevertheless, we all come

together to become one true community of faith. The very presence of NAPAD in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a catalyst to be “*a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.*”

1. The members of NAPAD Ministry Team have been engaged in variety of initiatives and actions of the church in regard to anti-racism and pro-reconciliation. The Executive Pastor has served on:
 - a. Commission on Reconciliation Ministry (April Johnson, Minister)
 - b. Anti-Racism Committee of Disciples Home Missions (Ron Degges, President)
 - c. Task Force on Immigration Issues (Jennifer Riggs, Convener)
 - d. Pastoral Table (Sharon Watkins, Convener) – The GMP convenes “a table with Racial/Ethnic ministry executives for an ongoing conversation about pastoral matters of the larger church. The pastoral table... will provide the church with a formal covenantal forum to witness as a whole, share wisdom and address concerns.”(GB-090643)
2. During the General Assembly 2009, several services were coordinated and sponsored.
 - a. In celebration of 30th anniversary of NAPAD, a luncheon was held (July 31. 12:15pm): The founding members of NAPAD were recognized by conferring recognition plaques - highlighted was the leadership of Harold Johnson in the formation of “American Asian Disciples”.
 - b. Unity Reception: Celebrating Diversity in the Disciples of Christ. July 31, 9:30pm. Co-sponsors: National Convocation, Hispanic Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, and NAPAD.
 - c. After Sessions were sponsored: Korean Disciples gathering, July 29, 9:30pm; NAPAD gathering, July 30, 9:30pm.
 - d. Language translations and interpretations were provided.
3. Mission Alignment Coordinating Council (MACC) - Proposal #3 (GB-090641) was approved by the General Board, April 18- 21, 2009, (GB-09-0644): “The General Board approves the move of the ministry of North American Pacific/Asian Disciples from Disciples Home Missions to a position of covenantal relationship to the General Board, on par with the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries and National Convocation. The General Board calls for a committee of representatives from NAPAD, DHM, OGMP Treasury Services and the OGMP be convened to facilitate the transition. A report of this committee will be due to the Administrative Committee by October 1, 2009, with anticipated implementation January 1, 2010.” Upon the approval of the proposal by the General Assembly 2009, NAPAD formed a Task Force on Constitution and Restructure (Tim Lee, Convener). The Task Force has been working.
4. David Kagiwada Sunday (September 13) and NAPAD Ministry Week (September 14-19) – coordinated to observe by providing program and resource materials.

II. New Church Establishment.

1. Goal of NAPAD ministries is to have 250 healthy congregations by the year 2020. In partnership with New Church Ministry of Church Extension and Regional committees of New Church Development, we have established nine new congregations and sixteen missions.
 - a. Under the excellent leadership of our ministry team, specifically of Lian Jiang, Kim Tran, Jinsuk Chun, John D. Roh, Daniel Lee and Saitumua Tafaioalii, nine new congregations were established or adopted: Good People CC (Flushing, NY), Vision of Jesus CC (Alhambra, CA), Broom Tree CC (St. Louis, MO), Calvary CC (Riverside, CA), Cambodian Fellowship (Long Beach, CA), Samoan Cong. CC (Modesto, CA), Jesus Lord CC (Torrance, CA), First Samoan Cong. CC (Long Beach, CA), Samoan CC (Las Vegas, NV).
 - b. Sixteen missions (Bible study groups) were formed toward new church start: Three Korean groups in Southern California; three Burmese/Zo groups in Atlanta and Indiana; two Samoan groups in Southern Calif. and Las Vegas; two Korean groups in Atlanta and Vancouver, Canada; two Mongolian groups in Northern Calif.; four Korean groups in Chicago area.
2. Recruit and development of new church planters: Five Asian ministers have served as coaches of new church planters in partnership with New Church Ministry – John D. Roh, Lian Jiang, Kim Tran, Jongkook Hong, and Jinsuk Chun. Twelve ministers of NAPAD are ready to go for new church start.

III. Congregational Transformation and Pastoral Care.

1. Pastoral care of NAPAD ministers and congregations.

For the purpose of pastoral care and nurture, the Executive Pastor with the Ministry Team made eighty-six visits with ministers and forty-five visits with congregations, plus 627 contacts made by the means of

technology.

2. Korean Disciples Convocation (KDC) held its 10th annual conference and retreat on January 19 – 22 at Desert Hot Springs, CA. Theme: Ministry that pleases God. Sixty-five ministers participated. Seminars and workshops were offers on congregational growth and transformation, and new church development.
3. Regional gatherings of NAPAD ministers and lay leaders were sponsored: Korean ministers retreat of PSWR (eighteen attended), and camp of Youth & Young Adults (seventy attended), and NAPAD Day in Northern California (October 24).
4. Fellowship of Korean Disciples Ministers of Mid-America (Seungyong Jang, Moderator) met two times in Chicago. Participated are ministers of Korean Disciples churches in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, and Minnesota. Workshops on church growth and transformation offered.

IV. Leadership Development.

1. A NAPAD minister (Nicholas Kolivas) was ordained in California North-Nevada Region (June 13).
2. Korean-speaking ministers were trained on Disciples History and Polity and Sacraments at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Aug. 10 – 14. Tim Lee and Geunhee Yu were main lecturers. Seventeen Korean ministers completed the course of study. They are transfers from other communions of faith. The grants from the Oreon E. Scott Foundation and Ministers Continuing Education Fund of DHM made the training possible.
3. Thirteen pastors established their ministerial standing in Disciples of Christ by transferring of their credentials from other denominations.
4. New ministerial staff added: Saitumua Tafaioalii (Magna, UT) was appointed as (a part-time & deployed) Coordinator of Samoan Ministry, effective August 1, 2009.
5. The Leadership Summit of the Disciples: The Executive Pastor and three other leaders have participated in the Summit conference in Indianapolis, October 26-28.
6. Scholarships (D. Kagiwada and S. Choi) awarded to four NAPAD seminarians (\$2,000 each).
7. NAPAD ministries has an on-going dialogue with Brite Divinity School and Disciples Seminary Foundation to establish a seminary (M. Div. programs) for Korean Disciples churches in Southern California. Funding for the program is the crucial issue.

V. Concerns.

1. *Pastoral leader development.*
Due to significant differences in language and ethnicity and culture, leadership development for pastoral ministry in NAPAD churches at English-only seminaries is problematic. It is urgent to establish a seminary, or M. Div. courses that will concentrate on pastoral leadership of multiracial churches. The demand for pastoral leadership is great, but the supply is meager.
2. *Funding for new church establishment.*
The demand and need for new church start in Pacific/Asian communities is very high, but support and funding is scanty. Resources, human and material, for new church ministry are to be secured.
3. *Facility for ministry.*
Most (80%) of NAPAD churches are without their own physical facility for ministry. They are “nested” in someone else’s buildings. It imposes enormous hindrances on their effort to grow and establish in ministry.

(Note: *Financial statement/audit is included in the report of Disciples Home Missions*)