

EAM Consultation 2005

Seattle WA

EAM Chinese Convocation

01 JUL 2005 1600 meeting (2nd session)

(Meeting began: 1603, opening prayer by Fr. Kwan)

(Introduction by Fr. Kwan, introduction of those who were not here yesterday)

LFF

(speech by Fr. Gordon Lau)

- Letter of Invitation from Commission of Liturgy in Music, inviting Fr. Lau to serve on consultation team to meet in Atlanta AUG 25-26 2005 to come out with a list of names to be considered as additions onto the calendar, supposed to be more inclusive list (saints of multi-cultural background), as a result of a resolution of the 2003 general convention (Saints of Lesser F and Feast)
- Fr. Lau asked for our input
- The nominee will have a date on the calendar
- Process: names will be passed from Chinese Convocation (with biography)
- Fr. Kwan's possible nominee: Benjamin Pao
- Fr. Lau will bring our suggestion [important person for the Episcopal/Anglican] (submitted before 15 AUG)

Web-site

- Web page for the convocation
- Will discuss on-line
- Fr. Kwan: commission Pamela Tang to be in charge of the development?
Consensus reached

Check-in (continue)

St. Gabriel

- Fr. Chee resigning at end of 2005, search committee formed
- Revered to 2 services because of the lack of attendance and manpower
- New Sunday school teacher, still need to growth for Sunday school
- Youth meets after Sunday service, will have more plan for the future
- Adult English class during the week, ESL, citizenship classes
- Thrift Store at church
- Hope to find new rector for future development

St James (Monterey CA)

- Not an Asian congregation, but have Asian members

- Took the first step to create a pan-Asian fellowship (only in the area), pot-luck; member of St. James and St. George in Salinas

Our Savior (Oakland CA)

- Back to two services on Sundays (Mandarin + Cantonese, English)
- Jubilee Center: weekday afternoon programs, Saturday Chinese school programs (about 40 kids), free tutorial classes (12 to 15 participants)
- Friday morning senior service
- Working with true sunshine on centennial celebration (join thanksgiving service), banquet and other events

Incarnation (San Francisco)

- Material submitted (2a)
- Eugenia retiring at the end of year, a bit unsure about the future (hopefully a search for replacement will be organized)
- Located in a heavily Asian populated area
- About 100 children on campus everyday for various activities
- Bought 50 Chinese prayer books

St James (San Francisco)

- Racial profile at church (40 Chinese, about 10%, also 10 bi-racial couples, 20 bi-racial children)
- Connie Lam will start
- Community learning center will be built

True Sunshine

- Centennial celebration (Jubilee Center will be renamed after Bishop Swing)
- One new ordainee (Vincent), Connie becomes Deacon
- Children ministry (after school program)
- Summer program

St. Peters (Honolulu)

- New rector
- Baptism
- New activities
- Started military ministry (gift baskets and program for military families)
- Publishing history of the church
- **Additional material requested**

Boston Chinese Ministry

- Material submitted (2b)
- 80-120 parishioners for services
- new fellowships, choir, family units
- satellite programs: still growing
- member of church in seminary, number of young college student expressed interest to seek ordination

- challenges: homosexuality (many feel problems with issue), lack of lay leadership (try to organize programs for training)

(Fr. Lau: announcement from **Holy Light**: will have last service on 31 JUL 2005)

Holy Apostles

- grant from UTO for Jubilee Center for golden age club (\$15000), a year old already
- grant for children friendship club (\$3K)
- Fr. Wong applying as prison chaplain (background check pending)
- Young adults reading gospel during service
- Sunday school teacher will help out

Vancouver (Diocese of BC)

- Fr. W. Y. Tan presented (introduced himself)

Other Business

- Russell Moi: no longer at CDSP, but will be teaching a class in summer (2c)
- St. Peters' paid internship for young adults
- Carol Jan Lee: CONFAB (2d)

(light discussion on time for discussion on homosexual issues)

(Mimi: motion to ask for more convocation time)

(butch: more written report instead of verbal report to save time)

(Tim Wong: diocese of Newark very supportive of homosexual issues)

(Closing remarks by Fr. Kwan)

(Fr. Lau: move to close convocation)

(consensus met to have an extra session [when bus returns])

(Meeting adjourned at 1708)