

CCLG – Life in the Holy Spirit  
January 2011 Report

**Monday 1/24/11**

12:00 noon Welcome to the participants by Convener, The Rev. Ada Wong Nagata.  
Opening prayer and Lunch

1pm **Holy Eucharist** in the Cathedral Center of Saint Paul, Echo Park, CA

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Fred Vergara

Assisting/Gospeller in Chinese: The Rev. Ada Wong Nagata

Deacon: The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Jew

Musician: Dr. Godwin Chou

Blessing by the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool

2:30 Convener called gathering to order and introduced the speaker, The Rev. Dr. Sze-  
kar Wan.

**Life in the Spirit: Life With a Mission**

(refer to presenter's power point)

by Rev. Dr. Sze-Kar Wan

20 in attendance

4 pm Presentation by Rev. Dr. Winfred Vergara

**Asian American Spirituality**

Share his experience during his 3-month sabbatical (refer to power point)

5:15 pm **Spiritual journey for Dr. Godwin Chou From Indiana**

Refer to his notes

Poem of Praise

5:45 pm Dinner

-After Dinner-

**Report from Church Center Global Office - Peter Ng:**

Regarding Asian Ministry, Peter does international work, whereas Fred takes care of Domestic ministry. In 2010, they work closely but lots of 'grey area'. Different offices share resources. In 2011 they are working closely on several projects. There are 16 young adults serving: 2 in Japan, 1 in India. It is a life changing experience for young adults.

Work closely with Anglican Provinces in Asia

- Chinese Christian Council along with the general secretary of Hong Kong will be visiting the national office
- Korean convocation gathering will be held in Seoul, encourage bishops to participate

- The need to be on site to experience the cultural differences of different countries
- Communications must be kept open between provinces in Asia so we can deepen our relationship and partnership
- Sharing of resources is important, e.g. bilingual prayer books. UTO is a good resource.
- Jubilee ministry continues to provide grant, this is a social outreach arm.

### **Sharing by attendees**

Thomas Ni- Congregation of Chinese Immigrants from Mainland China

- Challenge: 1. no support from St. Edmund's or Diocese of LA  
2. transportation of members to and from church.

Ada Nagata- Our Saviour, San Gabriel

- Blessing: 1. Supportive rector  
2. started Chinese congregation

Challenge: turmoil within church.

Selena Lui- worked 20 years at Church of Our Saviour, Oakland. She has a very happy life

David Lui- Church of Incarnation, Oakland

Blessing: able to take Sabbatical, 2 non-stipendiary priests.

Challenge: He is trying to develop ministry.

Merry Chan- New rector of Our Saviour, Oakland

Blessings: clergy support: Gordon Lau & Fran Toy

Congregation is supportive

Strong lay ministry nurtured by previous rector

Good teamwork

Challenge: Hard to ask some members to return

Henrietta Ma- Our Saviour, San Gabriel

Blessing: found Our Saviour and was baptized

Challenge: her own children are not baptized yet

Barbara Vlachos- St. Peter's, Honolulu

Blessings: will celebrate church's 125 years' anniversary next year

Challenge: in search of new rector

Judy Lin- Deacon of St. Mary's, Lompoc

Finished dissertation

May 20 will be her graduation

Janis Magnuson- St. Thomas', Hacienda Heights

- Challenge: Fr. Huang left the congregation and took the congregation
- Blessing: Fennie will be ordained as Deacon soon. Service in Taiwanese. Trying to reach out to those that left.

Yvonne Lam- independent, Oakland

Blessing: 1. Enjoying Gordon's retirement, and can share the pew with him and visit different churches

2. His health is OK

Gordon Lau- retired and independent, Oakland

Blessing: 1. Retired May 2008

2. Happy to be able to join us here  
 Challenge: aware of the struggles

Mimi Wu- St. Peter's, Honolulu  
 Multicultural ministries

Karena Yu- Epiphany's, Honolulu  
 Blessing: 1. Outreach ministry with homeless and mentally challenged  
 2. Member of the Rotary club. Win/win to the community outreach  
 3. 13 programs started at Epiphany's  
 Challenge: expand youth group

Peter Ng- Blessings: retired after working 21 years at Our Savior New York  
 Health couldn't be better  
 Challenge: How to say "no"

Torres Hui- Holy Apostle -Bellevue WA  
 Challenge: 1. Rev. Phillip Wong retired from church  
 2. Diocese wanted them to merge with another church or remain as mission with no help from Diocese  
 Blessing: 1. Maintain as mission, the challenge is "how"  
 2. Father Lau has laid good groundwork

Peter Lam- Church of Holy Spirit, Long Island  
 Blessings: 1. New immigrants from China and Hong Kong  
 2. ESL members also started to attend and congregation attendance increased  
 3. Vivian (daughter) was ordained as clergy  
 4. Father Lui visited the church and preached  
 Challenges: 1. No challenges in church  
 2. personal: moved from New Jersey to New York to shorten the commute

Connie Lam- Blessings: 1. Baptized 2 youth  
 2. Started Food Pantry  
 3. Did Youth camp  
 4. Chair of Asian Communion  
 5. Resigned from True Sunshine Church

Godwin Chou- is in a Cantonese congregation (~180), non Episcopal  
 Director of Worship Department  
 Sunday school teacher  
 Oversee Christian education  
 Celebration: youth worker hired, and started English-speaking ministry  
 Challenge: Finance  
 Leadership

**Tuesday Jan 25**

8:00 **Sze-Kar Wan- Life in the Spirit: Life with hope**

10:00-12:00 **Benedictine Spirituality by the Rt. Rev. Diane Bruce**

Answers questions regarding House of Bishops

Answers questions regarding local ministries

12 noon – 1pm Lunch

1pm – 3pm **Individual spiritual consultation**

3:30 **Life in the Spirit Sabbatical Exp. Rev. David Lui**

- 6 month sabbatical in the East Coast
- How do I relate to Roman Spirituality? Everyone's perspective is different
- The energy of the congregations of Thomas Pang, Boston Chinese Ministry and Our Savior, New York are from above.
- Energy of clergy like Fr. Lam, a typical Hong Kong priest style works for him.
- David could see the mission and vision.
- Multicultural vision of no "we" and "them"- everyone is color-blind, changed his perspective.
- We have to DO it. Won't happen if we just sit here. We have to push ourselves to DO it.

David described, "illuminated." Opened his eyes to enlightenment

Enlightenment of Spirit in you!

What do you want to do with this ministry

Strip down all unnecessary trappings

"For this reason... may give you a spirit of knowledge. Having your hearts enlightened"

Clergy team working with him and all who helped with the trip and spiritual enrichment.

Incarnation will benefit from David's vision & change of perspective.

4:15 PM **Life in the Spirit- Ministry- St. Paul's day by Rev. David Jackson, Epiphany, Honolulu**

- Ordained in England, shared scriptures
- Church of the Epiphany- multi-ethnic congregations- Jan. 6 Centennial Celebration
- Invite Karina, one of the parishioners to share the preparation work of the celebration.

Karina

- how can we build more bridges?
- Music enrichment
- Rhyming psalm 27 and they do a rhyming psalm every week

- Last year Chinese New Year was on Valentine's Day- incorporate the RED!

Karina- Centennial Celebration

- no longer have different ethnic groups – but “have relationships”
- Centennial very successful.
- Peter Wu will build bridges to Kaimuki neighborhoods.

5pm **Skype with Eric law**                      **Emergent Grace** See hand-out

Emergent Grace – sustainable Missional Ministries – money need not be the sole currency of ministry.

If money were water, it must flow. If it doesn't flow, it does no good. If it just sits there, it has no value –

So look at Money Chart –

- a. Currency of Money
- b. Currency of Time & Place
- c. Currency of Gracious Leadership & flows into Gracious environment
- d. Currency of Relationship
- e. Currency of Truth
- f. Currency of Wellness

Spiritual, Physical and Financial Wellness.

In the center is the cycle of Blessings. If you only look inward church will not grow.

Left side energy has no flow without right side of relationship and truth – there would be no wellness.

6pm Dinner

Presentation on Immigration Issues was cancelled

7:15 p.m. **Mission Statement**

- In English & Chinese, the 5 Bullets are detailed but pretty long
- It was voted to be revised in last year's gathering. Few volunteers have been working to simplify it. It is suggested to keep the Mission Statement and use a simplified Vision Statement on all the communications.

**Vision Statement suggestion**

- As a body of Christ, we are here to serve those who seek and serve God and its being a guiding light (or bridge) showing our brothers and sisters they can worship and conduit of God's love.
- No decision made yet, will discuss further tomorrow

## Wed – January 26, 2011

Call to order by Ada at 9:30 a.m.

### Chinese Convocation Business

1. eNews: please send articles and updates to: chineseconvocation@gmail.com
2. Report on the results of March clergy retreat 2010: share resources, meet once a year, ??2011
3. Web site (eamchinese.org) is being updated
4. RCL – Torres Hui reports that a few volunteers are working on the bilingual Chinese/English texts of the RCL lectionary. It will be posted on the Chinese Convocation web site
5. Financial report:
  - Internship Fund: \$3187 (\$162 collected 1/24)
  - Prayer Book Fund: \$530
  - General: \$8821.
  - ?consolidation of different items – need further discussions

### Discussions:

- (A) Moved to change name of Internship Fund to Education Fund by The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy, thus less restrictive, seconded by The Rev. David Lui  
MOTION: Trust office to make decision at officers' discretion.  
Motion carried.
- (B) Prayer Book fund – to be moved to General Fund by The Rev. Judy Lin, seconded by The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy. Money continues to be held by EAM council.  
Motion carried.
- (C) General Fund – Convener states that the use of the fund was not clear. Peter Ng explained that it was originally set up as trust fund for Chinese Convocation Endowment fund. The fundraising stopped and the money was transferred to the Episcopal Church Center account and it was only last year to have it taken out and deposited into EAM Council Account.  
MOTION: Karina moved to have the fund as General Fund for general use, seconded by The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy.  
Motion carried.  
The fund is to be allocated at the discretion of EAM Chinese Convocation officers.  
MOTION: 10% of the Fund money can be designated for congregational development. Moved by The Rev. Dr. Gordon Lau, seconded by The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy.  
Motion carried.

The Rev. Ada Wong Nagata pledged to donate over \$600 to the General Fund so to make it \$10,000, thus this year \$1,000 can be granted for congregational

development. She encouraged members to give if they can to share abundance with others in need.

6. Delegates to EAM Strategic Planning

Convener & Vice Convener – automatic delegates to strategic planning

Karina moved to go – tentatively in Oct.

Need youth or young adult

7. Next year's CCLG -

Date (Chinese New Year Jan. 23):

- To encourage more lay persons to go, perhaps a Fri, Sat, Sun for working lay persons
- Perhaps February 2012 – suggested by Ada. Feb. 9, 10, 11 – tentatively

Location:

- First choice Northern California
- Second choice LA –
- Pricing: Call Mercy Center – The Rev. Connie Lam  
Call Bishop's Ranch – The Rev. Merry Ong Chan

8. Deployment: Congregations & Priests with no job, how to bring together ?

9. Recap of the whole gathering with some of the presenters' power points and hand-outs for later evaluation

10. Other business

Vision Statement – revisited

Options:

- Being part of the body of Christ, we act as guiding lights and conduits of Gods love.
- As members of the body of Christ, we strive to be guiding lights and conduits of God's love.

Votes: (9) We, as members of the body of Christ, strive to be guiding lights and conduits of God's love. (suggested by Yvonne)

(5) We, as members of the body of Christ, strive to be guiding lights and conduits of God's love to all people (suggested by Butch, David Lui)

(0) We, as members of the body of Christ, strive to be guiding lights and conduits of God's love to the world (suggested by Yvonne)

Conclusion: the Vision Statement is:

We, as members of the body of Christ, pledge to be guiding lights and conduits of God's Love.

## EVALUATION

1. Eucharist –
  - Liturgy – personally inclusive – GOOD
  - Will maintain Eucharist in the beginning as most people are there
2. Presentation – The Rev. Dr. Sze-Kar Wan
  - ▣ Seemed rushed
  - ▣ Excellent material but not enough time
  - ▣ Will invite Sze-Kar Wan return next time
3. Would like to have Bishop Diane Bruce back – but with the meeting being to be in Northern California she might not be able to attend.
4. Spiritual Consultation
  - ▣ It is a good idea but people do not seem to understand what it is
  - ▣ May make it clearer about who the spiritual advisors are and what it is in the context of meditation – perhaps a sentence to explain beforehand
  - ▣ Keep Quiet Time for next year.
5. Presentation – The Rev. Eric Law
  - ▣ Audio-visual quality not so good
  - ▣ Video conference seems to be better for large group, without the video might be better.
6. General Evaluation –
  - ▣ The schedule seems to be too compact for seniors per Gordon Lau, OK for everyone else.
  - ▣ Food is excellent
  - ▣ Should update the parishes with information regarding the gathering – suggest post information 6 months early re: traveling scholarships available and time to prepare budgets.
7. Other comments:
  - ▣ Butch suggested sending notes to those who could not make it.
  - ▣ Fr. Lau thanked Ada and her team of workers.
  - ▣ Butch – suggested to update current issues of Anglican Communion in next gathering
  - ▣ Next year topic may be on Stewardship
  - ▣ Ada informed participants that travelling scholarships are available, pending on the grants from Province VIII, it might be up to :  
\$100 for flying from N. California; \$150 East Coast and \$200 Hawaii

Closing prayer and grace before lunch by The Rev. Thomas Ni



People stayed for lunch or departed.