



**The Pentecost Edition**

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## The Chinese Convocation eNews



### **Come Holy Spirit**

*Come Holy Spirit, fill us so that we can:  
Dedicate our hearts to Christ Jesus,  
Open our minds to seek truth and justice,  
Lift up our hands to welcome the outcast and care for the broken,  
Behold with our eyes the wonders of creation,  
Hear with our ears the story of you in the world,  
And sing with our lips a song of your love –  
With laughter and without worry.  
And always in the Name of Jesus. Amen.*

*(An adapted prayer commissioned by Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick for 2012)*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*Flowers are blooming, Summer is coming, it is that time of the year, when friends and families come together to celebrate with those who celebrate, the graduates and the class of 2012. With the holy seasons of Easter passing and Pentecost here, let us not forget to love one another as Christ has commanded and remember the best thing that happened in our lives is to know and have Jesus as our best friend.*

*Blessings to you and your families on the Pentecost season!*

*Yours In Christ,*

*Ada Wong Nagata+, Convener*

*Peter Wu, Co-Convener*

*Paul Lai+, Co-Secretary*

*Joyce Lok, Co-Secretary*

## Convocation News Updates:

### New Community Clergy & Lay Conference, San Diego, February 29, 2012 – March 4, 2012

Stories of faith and personal witness animated the historic Feb. 29 – March 4 “New Community Gathering” in San Diego of about 300 Asian, Black, Latino and Native American clergy and laity from across the Episcopal Church. For a full report, please read the article ‘*New Community Gathering*’ unites Episcopal ethnic ministries’ by The Rev. Pat McCaughan. And for a summary report and reflections from some of the attendees, see pages 4-8 below. ► [SHARE](#)



## Upcoming Events:

**SESQUICENTENNIAL:** The Episcopal Church celebrates 150 years in Hawai'i. THE CONVENTION EUCHARIST WILL BE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, at 9:00 AM in THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW, come and celebrate with us. ► [READ MORE](#)

**EAM National Consultation, June 20-25, 2013.** EAM National Consultation will be held on June 20-25, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Francisco Airport. The 40th Anniversary Holy Eucharistic Celebration will be held the Sunday of June 23, 2013 at 3PM at Grace Cathedral. Please save the dates and more details to come. A planning meeting is scheduled on May 21-23, 2012 (this year) in the above hotel and will be joined by local representatives from the Dioceses of California, Northern California, El Camino Real and San Joaquin.

## News from Our Parishes and Missions:

### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

Submitted by Pamela Tang, May, 2012

The Episcopal Church of Our Savior continues its process of discerning clergy leadership for the church. The Diocese has offered some unconventional and unique approaches. The Revd. Dr. Winston Ching has been in consultation with the parish. We would ask for your prayers and advice in this endeavor.

The Rt. Revd. Mark Sisk, Bishop of New York, has announced his retirement effective February, 2013, at which time the Coadjuator, The Rt. Revd. Andrew Dietsche, will become the 16th Bishop of New York.

The Diocese of New York Episcopal Asian America Ministry Committee (DNYEAM) held its annual EAM Sunday at Church of the Good Shepherd on Mother's Day. Our own Mr. Peter Ng offered the homily. There were more than 70 in attendance with representation from the Japanese, Filipino, Chinese and Indian Ministries. We also had Korean representation from the Dioceses of Long Island and New Jersey. It was heartwarming to see various cultures and traditions embraced in the liturgy and in the fellowship afterwards. Much thanks go to Christina Hing, the committee chair!

The Jubilee Chorale will present a Father's Day concert on June 16, 2012 in the afternoon.

There is a record-high 165 students enrolled for summer camp, ranging from Pre-K to Grade 8. The theme this summer is "Asia". The camp will conclude with a production of *MULAN*. Incorporated in the curriculum is a fieldtrip to the "Terracotta Warriors Exhibition" at the Times Square Discovery Channel Center.

There is a steady increase in the enrollment of adult piano students. We are led to believe that the piano lessons are beneficial in warding off arthritic tendencies and improving much needed memory-faculty. (Do you know how many movements there are in a Mozart piano sonata?!)

Mission Graphics, our Publishing Ministry, is providing some of the giveaways at the General Convention. We are grateful to the House of Deputies and Episcopal Charities for their continual support of this ministry of ours.

For those of you who may know De Young Chan, who has served on the Chinese Convocation Board in previous years: He and his wife Adela are now parents to a one-month old baby girl, Elizabeth Emma Chan.

The Church Annual Summer Retreat will be held at the Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center, PA, July 6-8, 2012.

Our Church Anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, October 27. 2012-2013 marks the

20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jubilee Community Center and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Savior as a Parish. Bishop Andrew Dietsche will be the celebrant at the Service.

As always, we would be delighted to hear from you if you happen to be in New York City. Please inquire about our guest-room facilities as well as retreat possibilities.

We are thankful for your continuous prayers and support.

Multicultural Ministry in the Diocese of Olympia  
**That your name may be glorified by all people**

***Focus on: Holy Apostles, Bellevue***

By the Rev. Canon Arienne Davison

The Church is not a building; it is the Body of Christ. This truth is evident when you visit Holy Apostles, Bellevue. Since the retirement of Vicar Philip Wong, leaders have carried on their work of building up God's kingdom - one liturgy at a time. The congregation gathers each week at 11 o'clock for worship at Church of the Resurrection. They have met at Resurrection for more than 10 years. The Eucharist is offered in Cantonese and English, with some Mandarin translation available. About three quarters of the adult community speaks Cantonese and one quarter speaks Mandarin. All of the children in the community speak English with some Cantonese and Mandarin spoken at home.

Torres Hui helps plan and prepares the space for liturgy as well as doing administration during the week. Kathy Truong manages the finances. Fian Huang supports the work of Holy Apostles Chinese School. The school serves about 100 students in Renton and Bellevue on Saturdays.



Kathy Truong reads the Lesson, March 11, 2012

You can support Holy Apostles by joining them in worship, visiting their Facebook page, attending their annual fundraising banquet and offering prayers for their work in this transitional time.



New Community Clergy & Lay Conference



Photo/Keith Yamamoto

### **Summary Report of the New Community Conference** by Karena Yee

As the Lay representative from Epiphany Church, I arrived at San Diego on evening of Feb. 29, 2012. The conference consisted of 3 full days of plenary sessions, workshops and a meeting on Thursday night held by the Chinese Convocation in the evening on March 1. The conference theme was:

“Reclaiming our Mission, Reinterpreting our context, renewing our communities”

The workshops topics were:

- 1) Jubilee & Social Ministry
- 2) School to Prison Pipeline
- 3) Doctrine of Discovery
- 4) ABCD [Asset Based Community Development]
- 5) Using Technology in Ministry I
- 6) Who is our neighbor? Mission in site
- 7) Planned Giving
- 8) Formation and Vocation
- 9) Ministry of the Baptized
- 10) Environmental Formation & Justice
- 11) Workshop on the way
- 12) Lay Eucharistic Ministry
- 13) Using Technology in Ministry II
- 14) Carving Our Place in Media
- 15) Stewardship
- 16) Evangelism
- 17) Contextualization in Worship
- 18) Radical Welcome and Hospitality

With all these interesting topics, it was a difficult decision to choose. I attended Evangelism, Contextualization in Worship, Formation & Vocation, School to Prison Pipeline, ABCD and Ministry of the Baptized.

I came away with a renewed sense of what is our “new community” and the great works done by the Lay brothers and sisters. I am humbled and excited about what I can do and how I am committed to find ways to help others in carryout their baptismal vow – to live the Christian life. To live our lives like Jesus.

I particularly like the tools I learned from this conference such as ABCD.

This particular tool is focus on looking at things (resources and assets) our church has rather than what we don’t have. It is an alternative to need based approach to program and community development. It entails asset mapping in our community and congregation to identify what is there and what is not. It leverages on the fact that everyone has something to offer and contribute and we all have a need to be fulfilled.

I am blessed to be able to attend this conference. I am prepared to offer my time and talent to take part in any interest our church or the diocese has in putting the ABCD plan to work in Hawaii. Together we can serve those who are in needs of help outside of parish boundary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karena Yee



**Reflections of the New Community Conference** by Gloria Wong

I was blown away with all the different workshops which were offered. In Radical Welcome the Rev. Angela Ifill said that new people who visit make up their minds about your faith community in about 15 minutes. So prepare well your greeters and after service follow up with hospitality. One occasion she offered an altar call with a respondent, but no one asked for particulars and the person walked away.

The courage and audacity for the Office of Black Ministries to Challenge and break the school to Prison conduit which targets people of color and people with disabilities is truly an awesome proposal. They will work with teams to develop a Rising Stars Experience and a Rites of Passage Resource to work with congregations and dioceses.

There were a lot of good learning workshops: Stewardship, Jubilee, Suicide Prevention, Evangelism, Contextualization In Worship presented by the Rev. Russell Yee.

This conference challenged all of us in terms of knowing whose we are, how we look at our traditions and cultures which shape our identity and total being. How do we act out of our comfort zones to diversity and inclusive mission. Our four Ethnic Ministries brought forth a different way of looking at our communities, and ministries. Can we change and

extend ourselves for possible collaborative cooperative ways within our disparate differences. We know that we are God's beloved children and we strive to do His bidding under the guidance of His Holy Spirit.

Finally, the Hope, Affirm, and anoint piece for the clergy was most meaningful personally. We generally minister to our sick, our hurting, distressed and problem situations for others. Here in small circle groups we were affirmed and received His blessings from one other, anointed and prayed for individually. The warmth of our fellowship will sustain us. I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to attend the New Community conference to represent the Boston Chinese Ministry and the outreach center in Quincy, Ma. Hopefully next year our Vicar, the Rev. Thomas Pang and other representatives will attend.

Faithfully, Gloria

### **Observation of the New Community Conference** by The Rev. David Jackson

The New Community Conference was something long overdue, yet well worth the wait. It was thrilling to see leaders and delegates from the four national ethnic ministries -- Asian, African-American, Native Populations, and Hispanic -- come together, as well as their sub-groups. This potpourri of cultures was such a good mix, yet also I felt somewhat frustrated that I could not devote the time and attention fully to each of the groups -- there is something to be learned from each one's particular cultural and ethnic understanding of Christ and his church.

I especially liked the challenge I kept hearing to live into our various ethnic identities as gifts of God for a needy church and world, that we can be the bridges between the wider church and our world because we are people used to living bi-culturally and thus having to be the bridge between our own cultures and that of our wider society. The church is a minority within a larger majority, and so we as ethnic minorities can bolster the church and model it to be prophetic and pastoral to the greater needs around us.

My heartfelt thanks to all those who spent a considerable effort to organize such a fruitful enterprise. I look forward to the next one in the near future.

*David+*



**Reflections of the New Community Conference** by The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy

My being at the New Community Gathering in San Diego February 29-March 3 was truly a blessing not only for me but also for many, if not most others, who were there. It was truly a gathering of God's beloved children who were there to be educated and inspired. Clergy participants who were present on Wednesday afternoon, February 29<sup>th</sup>, heard a presentation by the Rev. Dr. Michael Battle who raised the awareness of how mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> century needed to work within the parameters of both what is particular and what is universal. This was followed by the Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka who using Hebrew and Greek defined hope as trust and certainty. Listeners were assured that God does not call people to suffer but God abides with those who suffer. He went on to state, "God is faithful, righteous, and just." Additionally, "Christian hope is sure, certain, and trustworthy."

With the arrival of lay persons on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, in addition to plenaries, there were twelve workshops for clergy and laity, and time for conversations by ethnic groups. On Saturday afternoon, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the clergy departed, laity had the choice of five workshops and a plenary entitled, "Lay Vocation & Discernment."

For me, this gathering was special in many ways. I'll name only two, as follows:

- 1) To be in a space where people of color were not the minority was a joy! This is what I hope that the Episcopal Church of the not-too-distant-future would look like.
- 2) I deeply appreciated being enriched by a ritual that is common to our native sisters and brothers. I am referring to being blessed with sage and water and the blessing was done entirely by women!!!

While attending the workshop on "Contemporary Issues for the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," unfortunately, I heard the expression, "Melting Pot." I have disliked this too-commonly-used expression for many years as it is a concept created by the majority culture which, to me, does not seek to honor the "particularities" (brought out in The Rev. Dr. Michael Battle's presentation) of cultural differences. It has all cultures "melted" into one indistinguishable glob! I have heard some preachers use the image of "tossed salad" but I prefer to use the image of "beef stew." With beef stew, you have all the ingredients rubbing against each other for a longer period of time than is needed to toss a salad and at the end, there is a NEW creation but each ingredient retains its own uniqueness. Carrots still look and taste like carrots; celery is still celery; onions are still onions, etc.

I am grateful that there was a subsidy enabling many participants to attend this gathering. I sincerely hope that this is the first of many to come and that these gatherings will result in an Episcopal Church that is more a reflection of God's creation.

-The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy  
Monday in Easter Week





## 會議點滴

在當今美國經濟持續不穩定的情況下，我們各族裔聚集一起進行了是次會議，這本是一個最不佳的時機，但因為有了今次會議，這最差的光景又搖身化作最美好的時光。

這次共同會議不但讓各族裔加強了文化交流，更讓我們了解奉獻的重要，此次會議強調了個人自身的修養，故此，我十分認同奉獻不是為了完成任務，獲取個人利益，定要出自內心，發自肺腑，以榮耀天父和幫助他人為出發點，不虛榮，不盲目。

然而，就此次會議地點選取，外間人議論紛紛，我個人認為，這並不是奢侈的行為，因為只有在如此大的場所才能有足夠空間推行如此大型活動，達到小場所無法發揮的功效，因而，我十分贊同教會的決定。

經過三天豐富而密集的講座，當天晚上的綜藝表演節目，使眾人可輕鬆一下，包括有拉丁裔熱情的歌舞，菲律賓裔的土風舞，令到在場人仕皆情緒高漲，渡過一個愉快的晚上，再加上第四天早上由原住民主持的聯合崇拜，在在體現了一種小型聯合國的精神。

總體而言，該次會議讓我對各族裔文化有了更深刻的體會，與此同時，屬靈上更是有所進展，希望在未來，我可以成為一個真正的基督徒，且將福音傳予更多的人，讓更多的人體會到上帝的偉大。

再者，是次聚會約共有四百多人參加，除了美國本土的神職人員及平信徒外，更有來自其他國家的觀察者，實在非常難得，祈望在不久的將來，有更多人能夠參與此類千載難逢的聚會，是所祝願也。

馬錦超

羅省教區 聖蓋博市 救主堂 會友

Jeffrey Ma, Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel, CA

## Chinese Convocation Minutes - March 1, 2012

Call to order by the Rev. Ada Wong Nagata, Convener

- Opening prayer by the Rev. Dr. Fran Toy
- Introduction
  - The Rev. Ada Wong Nagata is the Convener and the Rev. Peter Wu is the Co-Convener
  - The Rev. Paul Lai and Ms. Joyce Lok, co-Secretaries are unable to attend so Ms. Barbara Vlachos is appointed to take minutes.
- Election of Officers - the three-year term for the current officers is up and should be due for election. However, there is not enough quorums for voting (less than majority of congregations present.) With agreement from the present delegates, the election is postponed for next year. The current officers all agree to serve one more year.
- Financial report: balance as of February 17, 2012 = \$13,511.12
- Reminder: any congregations that have raised Education Fund on January 22 (the day closest to Rev. Florence Li Tim-Oi's Feast Day) this year please send checks to EAM Council - **memo Chinese Convocation**. This is very important to specify because there are many accounts in EAM Council. Please mail to Ms. Inez Saley's (treasurer) home address.
- The Convener requests participants to think of some fund raising ideas for 40th EAM Consultation in 2013.
- There will be possible clergy retreat in 2012
- To start thinking of the possibility of Chinese Convocation Leadership Gathering in 2013 - no action
- Introduction and sharing of those present
  - Ada Wong Nagata - Convener, Associate Priest from Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel, CA
  - Henrietta Ma - laity from Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel, CA; baptized by Ada
  - Jeffrey Ma - husband of Henrietta, laity from Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel, CA; baptized by Ada
  - Janis Magnuson - laity from St. Thomas, Hacienda Heights, CA
  - Joshua Ng - Vicar from St. Thomas, Hacienda Heights, CA, will send parish report later
  - John Ratzlaff - laity from St. Thomas, Hacienda Heights, CA
  - Andrea Liu - daughter of Michael and Esther, laity from St. Thomas, Hacienda Heights, CA
  - Cheri Ratzlaff - wife of John Ratzlaff, laity from St. Thomas, Hacienda Heights, CA
  - Warren Wong - laity from St. James, San Francisco
  - Lelanda Lee - laity from Colorado
  - David Jackson - Rector of Church of the Epiphany, Hawaii
  - Karena Yee - laity from Church of the Epiphany, Hawaii
  - Mimi Wu - Vice President of EAM Council, from Hawaii
  - Merry Ong Chan - Rector of Church of Our Saviour, Oakland

- Angela Hung - laity from Church of Our Saviour, Oakland
- Mr. Hung - laity from Church of Our Saviour, Oakland
- Peter Lam - Vicar, Church of the Holy Spirit, Long Island
- Santos Lam - laity from True Sunshine Church, San Francisco
- Connie Lam - Assisting Priest of Japanese American Church, taking courses at CDSP
- Carole Jan Lee - laity from St. James, San Francisco
- Gloria Wong - retired deacon, from Boston Chinese Ministry in the Cathedral, Boston and Quincy, Diocese of Massachusetts
- Peter Wu – co-convener, deacon from Church of the Epiphany, Hawaii; still working full time, balancing work and church
- Fran Toy - retired priest
- Michael Liu - laity from St. Thomas, Hacienda Heights, CA
- Esther Liu - laity from St. Thomas, Hacienda Heights, CA
- Butch Gamarra - retired priest, from St. Mary's Church, Mariposa
- Other reports:
  - From Paul Lai - 2 new Chinese congregations forming in the Diocese of Long Island
  - Connie Lam facilitated a summer retreat for Holy Apostles in Seattle
  - Please send congregation reports to Ada to post in the eNews
- Old business
  - Lectionary - Torres Hui from Seattle is setting up Lectionary with Ada and Pam Tang from New York on Year B, also shares with other congregations
- New business:
  - World Anglican Chinese Clergy Fellowship in Manila from April 17-20, contact Joshua for information
  - Young Adult conference "Why Serve" June 6-10 in Virginia, needs Asian presence, please contact Fr. Fred
  - Also needs Asian youth presence in the General Convention in July, please contact Fr. Fred
  - EAM Youth Camp in Minnesota in August, contact Longkee Vang
  - Carol Jan Lee volunteers to help with Fund raising
  - There are a few inactive congregations in the Chinese Convocation list, they have not participated for a while and do not respond to Ada's email/call, and is part of the reason not having enough quorum. Ada with Mimi's help will contact them again and may have to take them off the list should there be no response.
- Closing prayer by Fr. David Jackson
- Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Barbara Vlachos

## Asian Pilgrimage 2012 by The Rev. Ada Wong Nagata



Participants from TEC to WACCF (L to R):  
Peter Lo, Ada Wong Nagata, Fran Toy,  
Diane Bruce, Nancy Lam, Peter Lam, Joshua Ng



With The Rev. Peter Koon, Provincial Secretary General,  
Hong Kong Sheng King Hui

From April 11 to May 3, the Right Reverend Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Los Angeles; the Reverend Joshua Ng, Vicar of Saint Thomas, Hacienda Heights and Chair of Los Angeles Episcopal Asiamerican Ministry; and myself, Associate of Asian Ministry of The Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel, Convener of Los Angeles Chinese Ministry and Episcopal Church Episcopal Asiamerican Ministry Chinese Convocation went on an Asian pilgrimage.

Our original plan was to participate in the 10th World Anglican Chinese Clergy Fellowship which is held once every four years. This year it was held in Manila. However, since we had to travel this far, we decided to extend our trip to visit more places. In this 3-week trip, we visited Manila and Baguio in the Philippines; participated in the 4-day WACCF; went to Hong Kong; Macao; Shanghai, Nanjing and Beijing in China; Seoul and Incheon in Korea; our last leg was Taipei and Tai Chung in Taiwan. This is a spirit-filled and inspiring trip.

Bishop Bruce was very vigilant in writing her daily blog to keep people informed of the journey. You can read about this trip and see pictures on Bishop Bruce's blog: <http://www.obispadjb.blogspot.com/>

L.A. Diocese also made a short video about this pilgrimage, you can watch it at: <http://youtu.be/1MgJLla2G3k>

Thus, I will not repeat the day by day blow of our trip. However, I would like to share my reflections from this trip:

- Radical hospitality - almost everywhere we went, the host Anglican/Episcopal diocese, the bishop, the clergy, the staff, and the China Christian Council/TSPM welcomed us warmly. It certainly made me feel like part of a big family.
- Mission and ministry - many dioceses focus greatly on their mission and ministries: evangelism by action.
- Stewardship - from the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, I was reminded not to concentrate too much on financial problems, but on evangelism and faith.
- In his sermon at the Opening Eucharist of WACCF, Bishop Ng Moon-Hing, Bishop of West Malaysia reminded us not to focus too much on the numbers and results but on the process, the ministry, and the people we are serving. This affirmed what I heard from the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.



With Elder Fu Xianwei, Chair of TSPM (third from left) and the CCC/TSPM staff



With Bishop David Lai, Bishop of the Diocese of Taiwan

- My knowledge of history and ministries of Asian ministries was greatly enriched:
  - The vision of Bishop Charles Brent, the first Missionary Bishop in the Philippines is really inspiring - his establishing of ministries of body, mind and spirit all in one big campus.
  - Visiting Morrison Chapel, Macau was very moving to me - the place where the Rev. Florence Li Tim Oi, the first female priest ordained in the Anglican Communion served the sick, the wounded and the hungry.
  - Appreciated the history of Trinity Church in Shanghai, which once was an Anglican Cathedral, but became a theater and recently is returned back to CCC. The Episcopal Church has been helping with part of the renovation and it will be back to be a place for worship again soon. This offers us hope in our spiritual journey.
  - Learning about the steadfastness in faith of Bishop K. H. Ting of China and his vision of "The Holy Bible Unites Us" and his impact on the Nanjing Theological Seminary and Amity Foundation.
  - When we asked a senior pastor in Beijing to offer us advice how to welcome the immigrants coming into the U.S, he suggested us to help them to get adjusted to the new way of life because life is very different in China. Also, he advised us to offer them the Gospel.
  - The working relationship between the Diocese of Central Philippines and Taiwan is very admirable and shows me anything is possible if we put God in the center.
  
- Networking and fellowship - it was marvelous to get to know and be connected with brothers and sisters from other parts of the world. Doing ethnic ministry in the U.S. can sometimes feel lonesome. One invaluable thing I learned from the spiritual leaders is that it is our ministry that counts most, not the theological arguments. They become distractions from doing God's work. We may disagree with each other, but it does not stop us to be in fellowship and work together to bring glory to God's name.

One of the wonderful things from this trip is that with the generosity of Bishop Lai, we will receive the periodic newsletter and news magazine from the Diocese of Taiwan. This way we get to know about each other and we can learn from their ministries. Bishop Lai's staff has already sent us the latest issues. Due to some technical issues, the news magazine will not be available in this issue of eNews, but will be posted on our web site: [www.eamchinese.org](http://www.eamchinese.org) soon. The Chinese newsletter will be sent out separately. In addition, we extend a great big thank-you to Bishop Lai of the Diocese of Taiwan and his hospitality during our visit.

This trip is the beginning of our relationship with our sister churches afar, I pray that with faithful cultivation, this will bear fruits as God would like to see. On this Pentecost Day, may the Holy Spirit be with us and guide us. Amen.