

Bridge

A Monthly E-Newsletter of the Asian and Pacific Islander Community  Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March 2012

FROM THE DIRECTOR



We are about a month away from the 12th Biennial Assembly of the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders-ELCA. The assembly will take place on April 11-14, 2012 at Christ

Lutheran Church, Monterey Park, CA. We expect 100 Asian leaders at this assembly. Dr. Moses Penumaka, Director of Western Mission Cluster TEEM Program will deliver a keynote on *We and the Bible*. Two highlights of this assembly will be: 1) To honor six Asian leaders for their distinguished service; 2) To enjoy our Asian Talent Show and for the first time this year, a raffle fundraiser. Thanks to Lily Wu, Gigie Grant and Daniel Penumaka for coordinating the program that night. All proceeds from that night will benefit the ELCA new ministries program. If you have not registered and are planning to attend, please let me know ASAP.

Rev. Pongsak Limthongviratn, Ph.D.
Program Director for Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries, CSM, ELCA

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Sharing on Asian Leaders in Ministry Series:



Harahap, Amir Sjariffuddin (1907-1949), a native of Indonesia, was a well-known warrior for Indonesian independence. He was also a lawyer, a lay Christian theologian, preacher and churchman.

His activism was based on the principles of social justice and nationalism.

Harahap was a courageous man in making decisions for himself, his family, society and nation. He was an active figure in forming and building of Indonesian identity when Indonesia was at a crossroad in deciding what kind of nation it ought to be—a nation of “Unity in Diversity” or a country based on the “Five-Pillar Philosophy” or on the “1945 Basic Laws.”

Prof. Edmond Yee, Ph.D.
President, Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders-ELCA

ASIAN CHURCH PLANTING MEETING

Asian Church Planting Committee met in Monterey Park, CA, March 5-7. The committee plays a significant role by assisting the ELCA in new ministries in Asian and Pacific Islander community. This time, the meeting was attended by

some staff and some bivocationalists. The committee intentionally discussed the issue of bivocational ministry so that more Asians will be proactively engaged in bivocational ministry in the future.

AROUND THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

Rev. Luke Zhou has resigned his call from Faith Lutheran Church.

Ms. Fumi Liang was appointed the Multicultural Coordinator of the Lutheran Church of Resurrection, Huntington Beach, CA.

Our condolences to Stacy Kitahata for the loss of her father in February. Rev. Paul Nakamura represented our Asian and Pacific Islander community at the funeral service.

The 2012 Asian Yearbook is available now and already sent to all Asian pastors, seminarians, TEEM candidates, lay leaders and congregations. If you have not received it yet, please contact pongsak.limthongviratn@elc.org.

2012 MATSUSHITA'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Eiichi Matsushita Scholarship Fund is a scholarship of the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders-ELCA for Asian full time seminarians and Theological Education for Emerging Ministry (TEEM) candidates of Asian and Pacific Islander background. ELCA seminarians or TEEM candidates without employment are qualified for scholarship. Please contact Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries desk at pongsak.limthongviratn@elca.org for the application form. The application deadline is June 30, 2012. Decision will be made by the Executive Committee of Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders in August.

WE AND THE BIBLE: THE ASIAN LUTHERAN WAY

THE 12TH ASSEMBLY OF THE ASSOCIATION
OF ASIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS-ELCA

APRIL 11-14, 2012

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONTEREY PARK, CA

Keynote by Rev. Dr. Moses Penumaka
Director of TEEM Program, Western Mission Cluster
For last minute registration, call 773-380-2834



Pray for the Biennial Assembly of the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders that will meet on April 11-14, Monterey Park, CA.



2012 MULTICULTURAL
YOUTH LEADERSHIP
EVENT (MYLE)
July 16-18, 2012

For more information, please contact Kristen Glass, Director for Youth & Young Adult Ministry, CSM unit, ELCA via Tel: 773-380-2295 or E-mail: kristen.glassperez@elca.org.

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ASIAN LUTHERAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

You are invited!

Being Asian, Being Christian

The 7th Asian Lutheran International Conference

Keynote by Dr. Thu En Yu
President, Sabah Theological Seminary, Malaysia

Asia Perspective

By Prof. Evangeline Rajkumar-Anderson
United Theological College, Bangalore, India

North America Perspective

By Rev. William E. Wong
Former Assistant to the Bishop, Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA

Young Adult Perspective

Seminarian, Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia

January 22-30, 2013

Lanna Palace 2004 Hotel
Chieng Mai, Thailand

For more information and registration form,
Visit www.asianlutherans.net

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