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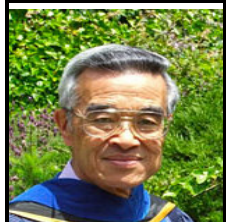


Recently-released demographic studies reported that, for the first time, the influx of Asians moving to the U.S. has surpassed that of Hispanics. About 430,000 Asians or

36% of all new immigrants arrived in the U.S. in 2010, according to the latest census data. That compares to about 370,000 or 31% who were Hispanic new comers to the U.S. in 2010. The total Asian populations in the U.S. is now 14.5 million. This simply tells us that mission fields are not only in homelands of many people who are Asia-born. Mission is at our doorstep. God has put His work into our hands – God’s work, Our hands.

*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:



Huang, Shuhui (aka Sophia Tung) (1944 -), a native of Taiwan, is well known as a lay leader in the Taiwan Lutheran Church and a respected figure in the Lutheran World

Federation (LWF). She is the first Chinese woman to serve as a vice president of LWF.

When the LWF held its Ninth Assembly in Hong Kong in 1997, Huang became a person in high demand. Traditionally the LWF’s next president comes from the region where the assembly is held. Thus, it was highly expected that she would become a candidate for the office. However, she declined to become one.

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

AROUND THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

Stephen and Emily Kung have resigned as pastor developers of Grace Lutheran Church, Irvine, CA. They have returned to Taiwan. Jen-hao Lee, former pastor of Taiwanese Lutheran Church in San Diego was installed on June 17th as the new pastor developer to continue the ministry at Grace.



Rev. Jen-hao Lee Bishop Murray Finck

2012 CAUCUS'S GATHERINGS

Several caucuses will meet this summer through fall. Below is a list of their caucus' gathering information

Hmong Caucus

August 3-5, Minneapolis, MN

Laotian Caucus

August 10-11, Dakota City, NE

Chinese Caucus

September 12-15, Monterey Park, CA

Indian and South Asian Caucus

October 22-24 – Chicago, IL

Indonesian Caucus

TBA, Chicago, IL

Thai Caucus

November 21-22, Forest Park, IL

2012 GLOCAL MISSION GATHERINGS

Aug 24-25, 2012 - Milwaukee, WI

Sep 14-15, 2012 - Chicago, IL

Sep 21-22, 2012 - Portland, OR

Oct 5-6, 2012- Baton Rouge, LA

Oct 26-27, 2012 - Puerto Rico

Nov 2-3, 2012 - Clive, IA

Nov 9-10, 2012 - Denver, CO

Nov 16-17, 2012-San Bernardino, CA

Feb 22-23, 2013 - Bismarck, ND

For more information and registration, visit www.elca.org/glocal

2013 DOMESTIC HUNGER GRANT IS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2013 Domestic Hunger Grant application is now available online. There are four categories that a congregation or social ministry can apply for: Advocacy, Development Services, Congregation-

based Organizing, and Relief Services. In the coming days, you are encouraged to visit www.elca.org/domestichungergrants to see when the application is available, when it is due, and what the process and procedures are. If you have questions, please contact Joe Young at joe.young@elca.org.



1) for the Glocal Mission Gatherings this summer-fall; 2) Jen-hoa Lee's new role as pastor developer at Grace Lutheran Church, Irvine, CA; 3)

Several caucuses meeting this summer; 4) the preparation for the 7th Asian Lutheran International Conference next January in Chiang Mai.

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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 Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Airline Information:

Korean Airlines flies from U.S. major cities to Seoul and directly from Seoul to Chiang Mai, without stopover in Bangkok. It is the fastest route to Chiang Mai.

Korean Airlines is member of Sky Team mileage program. Please check with your travel agent before issuing tickets.

For more information, update and a registration form, Visit http://asianlutherans.net/2013_alic

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