

Bridge

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

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Thanksgiving weekend has arrived again. Our different faith journeys have given us diverse ways of experiencing God's love and mercy, then diverse ways of expressing our gratitude to our Lord.

Still, one common word for us to say at this season – Thanks be to God for God is good all the time. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

*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:



Hagedorn, Fern Lee (1953-), a native of the United States of America, is a filmmaker, writer and advocate for multiculturalism. She helped develop the pioneering concept of

translating biblical texts from their original languages to contemporary media forms. She was the first Asian American woman to serve on the national staff of the Lutheran Church in America. In addition, she also served as staff of the LWF's NY office, and the American Bible Society.

Hagedorn was born Sen Fern Lee in Chicago. But in 1960 her family moved to Brooklyn, NY. Fern's first encounter with Christianity was at Truly Light Lutheran Church in NYC Chinatown.

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

AROUND THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

Rev. Kevin Cho, former AAPI-ELCA secretary was appointed a Steering Committee of the Asian Lutheran International Conference. The source of the appointment is the Executive Committee of the AAPI-ELCA.

Condolences to the Rev. William Siong for the loss of his father in Laos on October 23rd. He went back to Laos to take care of the funeral service there.

William is a pastor developer of Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN. He is also the leader of Hmong Caucus of the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders-ELCA.

Rev. Thomas Chen has retired as the pastor of Grace Taiwanese Lutheran Church, Anaheim, CA. A retirement service for him was held on October 9 with the preaching of Bishop Murray Finck of the Pacifica Synod, ELCA. Thomas still serves as the director of Center for Chinese Ministry.

2012 Asian Yearbook

Asian and Pacific Islander Community, ELCA

2012 ASIAN YEARBOOK-ELCA

We are working towards a printing of the 2012 Yearbook. It will contain the most update information of Asian leaders, congregations, new ministries,

seminarians and lay leaders. We are seeking your support for this project. If you are a pastor, please take this request to your congregation council or ministry core team and encourage them to support this project by buying advertising in the yearbook. Proceedings received from this project help support the activities of our Asian and Pacific Islander community, i.e., AAPI Assembly and Asian Lutheran International Conference (ALIC). We also welcome donations from individuals to help this project. Check can be made to "AAPI" and send it to Pongsak Limthongviratn, ELCA, 8765 Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631. The year book will be printed in January 2012 and a copy will be distributed to Asian leaders and congregations/ministries.



1) Over 20 million people affected by the recent flood in Thailand, the most severe flood in 50 years. 2) Rev.

Hang Mo Son's father is hospitalized in Korea. 3) Give thanks to our Lord for the abundant mercy given to us this year.

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WE AND THE BIBLE: THE ASIAN LUTHERAN WAY

THE 11TH 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

AGENDA

Keynote, Bible Studies, Workshops, Reports from the President, Treasurer, Director, Fellowship Ethnic Caucus times, Asian Music and Talent Night, and a Banquet in honor of Asian distinguished leaders

REGISTRATION FORM

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E-MAIL ADDRESS

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Expenses:

**For Asian Participants:
Registration Fees: \$100.**

Covers 3 night double-occupancy rooms all meals, and ground transportation between Christ Lutheran Church, Monterey Park and Los Angeles Airport (LAX) _____

Single room supplemental: \$120. _____

Total Payment _____

**For Non Asian Participants/Staff:
Registration Fees: \$100.**

Cover all meals, and local transportation between Christ Lutheran Church, Monterey Park and Los Angeles Airport (LAX) _____

Reserve a ___ single ___ double room for me. I will pay my own rooms when check-out.

I will make my own arrangement.

Total Payment _____

Air Tickets:

All Participants pay own air tickets to Los Angeles (LAX).

Arrival and Departure Information:

I need ground transportation.

I don't need ground transportation

Arrive on Wed., April 11 Airline: _____ Time: _____

Depart on Sat., April 14 Airline: _____ Time: _____

Send the registration with payment to:

Rev. Andrew Yee, AAPI-ELCA Secretary
1151 Portage Rd., Camano Island, WA 98282

More information will be sent subsequently to registered participants upon the receipt of the registration form.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
MARCH 5, 2012**