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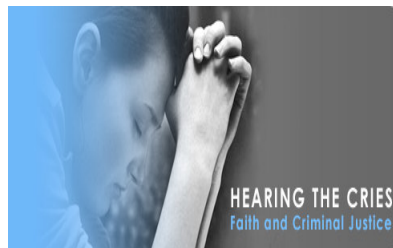
FROM THE DIRECTOR



We constantly witness many remarkable transitions in this world, in different times and different situations. Yet, the greatest transition that the world has ever seen is the transition from death to life of our Lord Jesus Christ. It begins with Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday with its climax on the cross event – Good Friday and Easter Day. It is the story of the cross and only the story of this cross that we preach. As Lutherans, we preach this cross which seems foolish to the world (1 Cor. 1:18). But this is the cross that births an old yet living story that all churches of God have preached, preach, and will continue to preach -- the salvation through Jesus Christ alone. You and I are called to continue to preach this story that brings new life to many people around us.

*Rev. Pongsak Limthongviratn, Ph.D.
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Publishing House. Thanks to the ELCA team who have worked on this project from the beginning: 1) Kevin Anderson, a former ELCA worship resource staff, 2) the Rev. Thomas Chen, director for Chinese Ministry, 3) Ms. Jenny Wu; 4) Ms. Wai Ling Law. Our heart-felt thanks also to ELCHK team headed up by Prof. Mabel Wu, Bishop Nicholas Tai and Ida Lam Lai Hing, the editor. To order this songbook, please contact Director for Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries, CSM, ELCA.



Through its Criminal Justice Task Force, the ELCA is preparing a statement of criminal and justice for the 2013 Churchwide Assembly. It is important for us to be informed and provide input. For more information, visit www.elca.org/criminaljustice

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



Aguilar, Corazon Gutierrez, BS, MS, MTS (1942 -), a native of the Philippines, was the first Filipina to be ordained through the Alternate Route Leading to Ordained Service program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Her first parish was in California and now she is a mission developer in Maricopa, Arizona. Friends describe Aguilar as patient in the best and deepest sense – a good listener, gentle, and an understanding peacemaker. Perseverance has been the other keystone of her life and work – perseverance both in relationships and in her calling as an ordained pastor.

*Prof. Edmond Yee, Ph.D.
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WE AND THE BIBLE



THE 11TH ASSEMBLY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ASIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS-ELCA

APRIL 11-14, 2012

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW

AROUND ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

With deep sympathy to Pastor Thiem Baccam of Lao Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale, MN, for the loss of his father. The funeral service was held at Elim Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 2nd.

Rev. Nengyia Her, a well respected Hmong pastor of Luther's Memorial Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN, has died on April 11th. He was the chair of the Hmong caucus in the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders-ELCA. Our condolences to the Her family for their loss. The funeral service will be held on May 7-9 at Luther's Memorial Lutheran Church.

NEW HYMN OF PRAISE -- A CHINESE-ENGLISH SONGBOOK

After five years of work, *New Hymns of Praise*, a Chinese English bilingual songbook was finally published. This songbook is a second phase of the Chinese English worship resource project initiated by the Asian desk of the former Commission for Multicultural Ministries, ELCA. Thanks to the ELCA Multilingual Resource Funding for the funding. This songbook was produced in partnership

with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong (ELCHK) who published this songbook through its publishing house, Taosheng

New Hymns of Praise
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2012 MULTICULTURAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP EVENT (MYLE) July 15-18, 2012

Financial Assistance for the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering opens on May 15, 2011!

Please help us spread the word - we know that the need is always

great. Many communities still feel the effects of the sluggish economy, and many others will experience the spring floods this year. Congregational leaders will be able to apply for financial assistance (\$315 registration fee) on behalf of their young people beginning May 15. The deadline is July 31, 2011 - or until the funds are depleted, whichever comes first. The assistance awarded will be uploaded into congregational accounts; when they register on Oct. 9 they will see a credit in their financial record. For more information, please contact Kristen Glass, Director for Youth & Young Adult Ministry, CSM, ELCA via Tel: 773-380-2295 or E-mail: kristen.glassperez@elca.org.



1) Pray for Rev. Nengyia Her's family for the recent loss of Pastor Her; 2) for the Rev. Thiem Baccam's family, 3) thank God for a successful hip surgery of the Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman.

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