

Grow Congregation through Asian American Ministries  
Annual Report for Annual Conference

Over the last several years, Grow Congregation through Asian American Ministries (GCAAM) worked through the awareness phase of its ministry.

As the Apostle Peter lifted up an Easter message, *“I realized how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. ... We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. ... He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ... Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name”* (Acts 10:34, 39, 42, & 43), GCAAM feels preparing ourselves to offer the gospel of Jesus Christ for the Asian Americans growing in our parishes as a biblical mandate for all the “Pentecostal” churches. GCAAM continues to call and equip the spiritual leaders of the churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference for the Asian American seekers, in which they serve.

GCAAM doesn’t simply focus on the ministries of the Asian-American congregations of the Conference, but primarily envisions that the churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference intentionally develop their ministerial environment friendly to the Asian-American residents who would like to find their church homes. While providing the churches with cultural and theological resources, GCAAM hopes each local church to explore the missional strategies relevant to their own contexts that are culturally diverse.

Acknowledged the diverse and rich ministries of the churches in our Conference connection, we anticipate all the churches to realign their existing ministries for a “multi-contextual” setting, which can cope with the boundaries and limits of a homogenous ethnic environment.

Here are several accomplishments of for the year 2012-2013.

- “Multi-Contextual Ministry,” Clergy and lay training – at St. Andrews-Concord United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 12, 2012 (Guest Speaker: Rev. Eric Law, H. F. Law, ordained Episcopal priest and director of Kaleidoscope Institute, Los Angeles, CA
- “Journey for the Bread,” a conference-wide campaign to bring one or more loaves of Communion breads from the churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference for the Opening Worship of the Annual Conference, for the awareness and celebration of “a bread-road,” which reminds us of a spiritual ties of people with Jesus, “the Bread from Heaven.”
- Financial Support for Leadership Training – GCAAM sponsors several clergy and lay members for their own awareness and implications of the congregational development through the Exponential Conference, held in Orlando, Florida, April 22-25.
- From 2013, GCAAM continues to work as a part of Ethnic Minority Concerns.

GCAAM continues to explore the possibility of opening of a multi-contextual media center either through on-line or in the Conference Center. Since the horizon of the Asian-American heritage is wide and diverse, a multi-contextual media center relevant to a local setting may be a good idea. GCAAM will continue to update the demographics of the Asian American population in our conference boundary.

Peace and grace,

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