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# AAM

ASIAN AMERICAN MINISTRY

AMM is a part of GROW CONGREGATION of The  
Baltimore Washington Conference



## The Asian American Ministry

aims at helping all English-speaking churches of the Conference to call, equip and send the disciples of Jesus Christ to bring the Gospel to all God's people especially to the Asian Americans in the communities.



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# Resources

## “Harvest Is Plentiful, Workers Are Few” (Matthew 9:37)

The Baltimore-Washington Conference reflects the ethnic diversity and spiritual richness. According to 2008 Conference Statistical Report, 35 local churches of the conference have already more than 10 registered members. AAM considers these 35 local churches as potential leading churches which open doors for 240,000 Asian Americans, who are seeking a church home.

## The primary ethnic groups

Chinese-American	Mogolian-American
Filipino-American	(Tibetan)
Japanese-American	Pacific Islanders
Korean-American	Southern Asian-
Indian-American	American (Thiland,
Indochinese-	Malaysian,
American	Indonesian)

([www.gocampus.org](http://www.gocampus.org))  
NewSong, Experience A Global  
Community ([www.newsong.net](http://www.newsong.net))

UMC: The National Plan for Ethnic/ Racial  
Ministries ([www.gbmg-umc.org](http://www.gbmg-umc.org))  
“Ministry Reaches Out to Asian Americans”  
“Asian American Language Ministry”

### Printed Materials

Michael Amaladoss, The Asian Jesus  
(Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2006)  
David Gibbons, The Monkey and the  
Fish: Liquid Leadership for a  
Third-Culture Church  
(Leadership Network Innovation  
Series)  
John Storey, Cultural Studies and the  
Study of Popular Culture  
(The University of Georgia Press, 2003)

## Useful Resources

Demographic Tools for The Asian  
American Ministry  
Fact Finder ([factfinder.census.gov](http://factfinder.census.gov))  
[AsianAmericanYearbook.org](http://AsianAmericanYearbook.org)  
Zip code finder ([www.zip-codes.com](http://www.zip-codes.com))

Multi-Cultural Ministry  
Cross-Cultural Ministries  
([www.ccmatlanta.org](http://www.ccmatlanta.org))  
Ethnic Harvest, Resources for  
Multicultural Ministry  
([www.ethnicarvest.org](http://www.ethnicarvest.org))  
Intercultural Ministry Develop-  
ment:  
The Episcopal Church  
([www.intercultural-ministry.org](http://www.intercultural-ministry.org))  
Intercultural Ministry, Getting Started,  
From Campus Crusader for Christ

## Funding for Local Churches

BWC has developed a funding application for  
facility and programs that enable local church to  
grow disciples and build Acts 2 churches.

Unified Funding Application  
[www.bwcumc.org/print/2129](http://www.bwcumc.org/print/2129)

# Grow AAM in Your Church

AAM explores three growth phases to develop the Asian American Ministries in a local church level.



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## About the AAM

The Asian American Ministry was born at the 225th Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference in 2009 with a vision that every church brings the gospel to all God's people including the Asian Americans in her parish.

As a part of GROW CONGREGATION, AAM hopes each local church grow spiritually as well as increase her number.

AAM team, composed of the clergy and lay members, shares the demographic updates of the Asian American in our parish, brings up the spiritual leadership of the Asian American members of the local church, and develops strategies and ministry ideas to balance the mission and ministry for all.

AAM prays that all churches may call, equip and send the spiritual leaders for the transformation of the world.

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## 1. Awareness Phase

A local church can begin AAM at any time. The vision and passion to offer Christ to the children of all nations are good enough to begin AAM. Awareness phase begins with recognizing the Asian American members and visitors of the local church. Here are several ministry ideas to recognize the Asian American members and friends.

- Merry Christmas with Guests from the East (Advent and Christmas)
- Watch Night Banquet (New Year's Eve)
- Asian American Awareness Day (Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday)
- Holy Week with Easterners (Lent)
- Community Easter Sunrise Celebration (Easter)
- Asian American Family Banquet (Mother's Day)
- Pentecost Service of Thousand Tongues (Day of Pentecost)
- Open House Month (September)
- International Day (World Communion Sunday)
- Thanksgiving Festival

The church can recognize the Asian American neighbors in her parish. AAM provides a variety of demographic tools to recognize the Asian Americans and their cultural insights. If the church has no budget for the Asian American ministry, she can apply for a funding opportunity for new ministry from the conference, rather than waiting for the budget process (see "resources")

Please visit the Asian American Ministry website at [www.aambwc.org](http://www.aambwc.org).

## 2. Ownership Phase

AAM believes that the church reaches ownership phase when she has more than an Asian American ministry in the area of worship, fellowship, discipleship, service and and/or witness. The church should bring up the leadership of small group for the Asian Americans, along with the annual budget support, so that the Asian American members may:

- Lead Worship Service (Music Band, Communion Steward, Altar Guild, etc.)
- Be Active in Fellowship (Covenant Discipleship Group, UMM, UMW Circle, etc.)
- Engage a Bible Study (Disciple Study, etc.)
- Join Service Project and Mission

AAM explores a variety ways to develop the Asian American leadership and to equip the Asian American members of the church. It hosts a training event for the Asian American Ministry. AAM makes an effort to connect the churches to churches to expand the Asian American Ministry in connection.

## 3. Fruit-Bearing Phase

In the fruit-bearing phase, AAM envisions that the church is equipped to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ for the children of God of all ages, genders, nations and races. The church owns the assimilation process for all including the Asian American members and friends. The church not only performs the ministries for the Asian Americans but also brings up the spiritual leaders for the transformation of the world, so that all may praise God, enjoy the favor of all the people and add to their number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:47). The church celebrates:

- Grow Asian American Membership
- Grow Asian American Leadership
- "Liquid Leadership"
- Inclusive Ministry and Mission
- Networking with Other Asian American Churches
- Church as the 3rd Place

AAM celebrates the Asian American Ministry and bears witness for the continuous advancement of God's Kingdom for all.



Kristin Rao explains an indigenized Jesus to other Asian American Members at Oakdale Emory.



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