

**ASIAN-AMERICAN PASTORAL MINISTRY (AAPM)**  
 (a Lilly/Sustaining Pastoral Excellence peer learning group)

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Lake Tahoe Retreat  
 March 7-9, 2005

**AAPM SESSION & TOPIC FACILITATION GUIDE**

1. For each session, there will be two co-facilitators. Because of our limited time and the idea that two can work better and help each other effectively as a team, I joined two related topics into one 1.5-hour session. Refer to the Agenda for the topics.
2. Before you arrive in San Francisco on March 7, coordinate with your co-facilitator (by emails or phone calls) to prepare your session well.
3. You may contribute your own understanding of the topic based on your previous studies on it, your ministry experiences to include victories and failures (we need to learn from our own mistakes too!), and especially what you've seen worked well in your ministry context.
4. However, we will not expect you to stand before our group and act like the expert on it, unless you really are. So, you can be modest about your presentation but yet powerful to challenge us to work with you in coming up with solutions when called for.
5. ***The goal of every session is to celebrate victories, identify past mistakes, unlearn them so as to avoid future ones, and lastly, find out (with God's help) what works and would work within our Asian-American ministry context.***

**SESSION OUTLINE**

The following is a suggested outline how we should present the topics within the 1.5 hours allotted for each team.

Time	What you can do...
15 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define or specify the problem, topic, or issue.</li> <li>• Try to focus your session to what you are specifically concerned with.</li> <li>• Do not try to cover everything under the sun!</li> </ul>
25 min	Give a quick summary of your: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current understanding and conviction about the topic</li> <li>• Key problems you face in dealing with the problem, topic or issue</li> <li>• Key solutions you did and victories</li> <li>• If you have failures, share them too. We have a safe group whose members are quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry and judgmental (James 1:19 in action!). We all want to learn!</li> </ul>
20 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage the rest of us to share if we had similar experiences in dealing or having the same problems, failures, and victories in relation to your topic.</li> <li>• As we do this, identify key points of learnings. Write them on the flip chart.</li> </ul>
25 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At this point, we will be ready to identify common principles, solutions, mistakes, other key learning issues in relation to your topic.</li> <li>• You can divide us into two smaller groups.</li> <li>• This technique allows you to generate more ideas given a limited amount of time. Regroup again and summarize what were discussed.</li> </ul>
5 min	Sum up your session

Note: This is just a suggested outline. You may want to be more creative than this and do your session differently. Just make sure you complete your session within 1.5 hours.