AAPM STRATEGIC PLANNING
Aug 2-4, 2005, Stony Point Center, NY

A. Mandate
   1. God's plan: the Pentecost crowd in Acts 2:5-12; the great multitude in Rev 7:9-12
   2. 1996 Synodical Report on Diversity and Multi-ethnicity
   3. Excerpt from the CRCNA Mission/Vision Statements

B. What we have and can appreciate TODAY…
   1. A core of experienced, CRC-educated, and SPE-trained pastors with a vision and commitment to help prepare the future of the Asian CRCs
   2. Small and struggling Asian CRCs but faithful and determined to continue in their faith and church life
   3. Growing awareness and intentionality across the denomination to embrace, reach out, and engage the non-Dutch/non-Anglo members of the CRC family
   4. New denominational leadership that is more responsive to the changing demographics and sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading
   5. Since CRCNA had already clarified and decided on its calling towards multi-ethnicity, we have to do our part and strengthen synergy

C. What we can expect in the next 5-15 years…
   1. Much reduced funding, or none at all, form the Lilly/SPE program
   2. Some of us are retiring from active pastoral/church planting ministry
   3. The population and socio-economic demographics of Asian-American communities in the US and Canada will significantly change
   4. More young people will put pressure on traditional/mono-generational Asian churches towards becoming more North American/nontraditional/multiethnic ministry in content, worship style, etc.
   5. Some of our young people, even some adults, may leave us and seek other churches
   6. New churches will be planted that could be a mix of 1st generation and multi-generational congregations
   7. New pastors and church leaders need to be trained
   8. Some of our present Asian CRCs may close (may be due to extremely pastor-dependence) or be absorbed into an Anglo/multiethnic church
   9. Transition to God's glory…

PLANNING WORKSHOP Part 1 of 2 (Tuesday 10:30-12:00 noon):

A. INTRO (10 minutes) = above sections

B. WORKSHOP (30 minutes)
   1. Divide into 3 groups
   2. Group brainstorming (20 minutes): "What can we do" = vision, strategies, objectives, activities

C. PLENARY (40 minutes)
   1. Identify common ideas
   2. Decide on what are do-able, priorities, potential resources
   3. Who will do it?
   4. Can we draft a general plan and timeframe?

D. COMMITMENT & BLESSING (10 minutes)