

ASIAN-AMERICAN PASTORAL MINISTRY (AAPM)

"building the future of the Asian-American churches in the CRCNA"

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CRCNA SPE Project
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Subject: New York Meeting Report, August 1-4, 2005

Dear Lis,

Here is a brief report of what we accomplished during our first face-to-face meeting held at the Stony Point Presbyterian Conference Center, NY on August 1-4, 2005.

1. All 10 members of the AAPM for 2005-06 were present. They are:
 - Albert Sideco and wife - Filipino CRC, Jersey City, NJ
 - Fernando del Rosario and wife - Filipino CRC, Hayward, CA
 - Gil Suh – Korean CRC, San Jose, CA
 - John Kim – Khmer CRC, Aurora, CO
 - Kou Vang – Hmong CRC, Sheboygan, WI
 - Matthew Le – Vietnamese CRC, Westminster, CA
 - Nam Kieu – Vietnamese CRC, San Jose, CA
 - Phohn Sinbondit and wife – Laotian CRC, Brooklyn Park, MN
 - San Sok – Cambodian CRC, St Thomas, ONT, Canada
 - Socheth Na, Cambodian CRC – Holland, MI
2. The first part of the meeting was given entirely for personal, family, and ministry updates. Each member shared both victories and challenges. Each participant was prayed for.
3. Two advisors were also present and trained us in the Refocusing Leadership program. They were Rev. Mike Vander Pol and Rev. Tong Park.
4. We set two objectives for this meeting:
 - do strategic planning to determine the next steps AAPM should take after 2006
 - be trained in the Refocusing Leadership program to prepare us in establishing a leadership mentoring network among Asian pastors.
5. Pastors Mike and Tong walked us through the leadership training manual from Church Smart Resources. The group went through individual and small group exercises in finding out leadership giftedness, timelines, and personal vision/mission statements.
6. We had three separate strategic planning sessions and accomplished the following:
 - Discussed possible scenarios for AAPM after SPE assistance would have stopped

- Convinced there is a need and value for AAPM to continue, we explored models and ways of developing AAPM into a regular ministry program of the CRCNA
 - Alternative sourcing of funds and donations were also explored
 - Members also discussed various ways of involving in classical and denominational efforts
 - Finally, AAPM members declared their commitment to collaborate and help build the future of the Asian-American churches in the CRCNA
7. For at least two hours on Tuesday evening, we had consultations and demonstrations on computer technology tools and tips to aid ministry. We will follow this up by maintaining a page on our website that will serve as a resource for useful web links and hardware/software tips to help us become more updated and confident to be more effective in ministry.
8. Next steps:
- Fernando, Nam, and Socheth will work together in drafting a proposal for an Asian Ministry Program to be formally submitted to the CRCNA.
 - A conference call will be scheduled in early September to review the proposal's first draft.
 - Pastor Phohn was assigned to serve as moderator of that call.
 - Because we anticipate a significant shortfall in our budget for the next face-to-face meeting, we agreed to hold it in northern CA in late February or early March. With four members coming from California, this would translate to plane fares saved. Members will raise additional funds from their churches and classes. AAPM will pray and plan to have all wives to attend next year's meeting, the first time it would happen.
9. On Thursday morning, we celebrated Holy Communion to end our meeting. It was a moment of thanksgiving to the Lord and commitment to the mission He gave us to do individually and collectively as a peer learning group.

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NOTE: Attached is our financial report covering the period from June to August 2005.