

Asian Commission of the Diocese of California (ACDC) Report

The Asian Commission of the Diocese of California (ACDC) meets regularly every other month, with occasional task force meetings in between the regular meetings. This year the task force meetings had to do with planning for the ACDC sponsorship of the Convention Eucharist.

Our members are also members of their EAM convocations, which meet on the years that EAM as a whole does not meet. Since this was one of those years, we sent members off to the Japanese, Chinese and Filipino Convocations. This year was also the meeting of the New Community Clergy & Lay Conference that met at Kanuga, North Carolina, in March. These meetings all serve to connect our communities, and to give mutual support and encouragement. We are now looking forward to the EAM meeting that will be in Korea next year.

ACDC sponsored the Vocations Conference for all people of color, inviting both prospective ordinands and experienced clergy of color to get together and talk.

Our members were leaders of and participants in the Li Tim Oi 70th anniversary celebrations in various places (St John's, Oakland, CDSP, Convention).

We sent our youth to events throughout the year, EYE, camp, parties, and we also asked Jennifer Snow in to talk with us about how to involve Asian youth, what issues we have experienced, and pondering how those might be mitigated.

In the coming year, we have set two sets of issues before us to consider:

How do we pass on the good news when we are dealing with acculturation, separation, issues of language and acceptance, generational issues and colonialization?

How do we deal with LGBTQ issues in Asian congregations?

It is ambitious to consider these things, and we are committed to wrestling with them!

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