

Asian Commission of the Diocese of California (ACDC) Report 2013

The mission of Asian Commission of the Diocese of California (ACDC) is essentially two-fold: to support the Asian-identified churches in this diocese and their clergy, as well as Asian-identified clergy and laity not connected with those churches; and to help educate the diocese about Asian ministry.

Looking at the demographic shifts showing the increase of Asians and Asian-Americans in the Bay area, this might be of interest to any number of our churches.

Most of our effort this year went toward the Episcopal Asiamerican Ministry (EAM) Consultation held in the Bay Area this year. It was the 40th anniversary of EAM. The Presiding Bishop, President of the House of Deputies, Chief Operating Officer, Secretary of the General Convention, and about ten other bishops — both American and foreign — were in attendance. The logistics were staggering. The local committee, which utilized much of the active ACDC roster, did their best to meet the needs (with special thanks to the group from Our Saviour, Oakland). If you were able to attend the final liturgy of [EAM@40](#), with the Presiding Bishop preaching and DioCal's own Fran Toy presiding, complete with taiko and lion dance, you got a glimpse of how wonderful the conference was.

However, that was not all we did this year. There were youth activities, and a vocations conference for seminarians of color hosted by the Rev. Eric Metoyer and the Rev. David Ota. In addition to the frequent meetings focused on the EAM consultation, we had our regular meetings, in which we shared concerns and joys, our sorrows and laughter. One sorrow this year was the closing of St. Patrick's, our Korean congregation. One joy was the number of youth that came from Holy Child/St Martins to attend EAM, as well as the very large number of youth attending EAM from across the country this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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