

## The Asian Commission of the Diocese of California Report to Diocesan Convention 2015

The Asian Commission of the Diocese of California (ACDC) meets regularly every other month, with occasional task force meetings in between regular meetings. ACDC parishes are active in their local communities by serving meals, providing after school educational and recreational programs, offering cooking classes, and supporting health and wellness.

ACDC members are also members of Episcopal Asiamerican Ministries (EAM) and participate in ethnic convocations. In February, several ACDC members attended the Chinese Convocation in Los Angeles and learned about using digital media in ministry. In June, the Asian Commission was well represented by clergy and young adults at General Convention in Salt Lake City. Earlier this month, a group of ACDC members gathered for the weeklong EAM consultation in Seoul to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary (October 3) of the Anglican Communion in Korea.

ACDC is committed to supporting Asian youth in the development of faith and friendships and in celebrating the richness of our ethnic backgrounds. ACDC hosts two events each year for Asian Youth: a Christmas party with skating and bowling and a summer camp session with boating and swimming. This year ACDC started a Youth Liturgical Project that is intended to encourage Asian youth to discover their musical talents by learning how to play a variety of ethnic musical instruments. Asian youth plan to perform ethnic music on ethnic instruments at parish and diocesan events.

ACDC continues to support the vocational discernment of people from various ethnic backgrounds. We will be hosting an Ethnic Discernment gathering at Bishop's Ranch on November 13-14, 2015. We continue to be in dialogue about how best to engage with intergenerational immigrant issues and LGBTQ concerns in our parishes and local communities. ACDC is collaborating with DioCal staff to increase awareness about Asiamerican and multi-cultural parishes through DioCal's website.

Mission Statement: the Asian Commission of the Diocese of California seeks to be instrumental in strengthening the ministries of the Asian congregations, as well as in educating and enriching the diocesan family about both the various Asian culture and the ministries of Asian congregations. The Asian Commission provide mutual support for leaders involved in Asian ministry, the development of new leaders for this ministry, and the exchange of information among Asian and Asian-American clergy, congregations, and communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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