



The Pentecost Edition

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## The Chinese Convocation *eNews*



*Come Holy Spirit, fill us so that we can:  
Dedicate our hearts to Christ Jesus,  
Open our minds to seek truth and justice,  
Lift up our hands to welcome the outcast and care for the broken,  
Behold with our eyes the wonders of creation,  
Hear with our ears the story of you in the world,  
And sing with our lips a song of your love –  
With laughter and without worry.  
And always in the Name of Jesus. Amen.*  
(An adapted prayer commissioned by Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick)



*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*Greetings and peace be with you and to everyone we hold dear on this Pentecost! May our hearts be filled with the Holy Spirit just like what happened on that very first Pentecost. Come Holy Spirit, Come.*

*Next month EAM will be celebrating its 40th anniversary at the upcoming consultation with the theme: EAM@40: REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, RE-ENVISION. It is a time to reflect on the many accomplishments in the past and to focus on our missions in the future. Remember to come and celebrate with us on this exciting and joyous occasion!*

*We would like to thank Dr. Richard Ko for his assistance providing the historic documents and information needed to be used in this eNews for The Feast Day of Daniel G.C. Wu and The 100 Years of History, Episcopal Church Of Our Saviour (True Sunshine Mission).*

*Yours In Christ,*

*Ada Wong Nagata+, Convener*

*Paul Lai+, Co-Secretary*

*Peter Wu, Co-Convener*

*Joyce Lok, Co-Secretary*

### *Convocation News Updates:*



**SESQUICENTENNIAL: The Episcopal Church celebrates 150 years in Hawai'i.** The celebration Eucharist was held on Sunday, November 11, 2012 9:00 AM at The Cathedral of St. Andrew. The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori preached at the festive Eucharist. ► [READ MORE](#)



## What A Weekend! *Sesquicentennial & Convention Recap*



The festive O'ahu's Sesquicentennial celebration and the 44th Annual Meeting of Convention this past November can be summed up in three letters---**WOW!** The highly anticipated arrival of our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, fulfilled all expectations, as she left in her wake a message of hope and peace and many admirers, that included young girls who were unaware that the leader of the Episcopal Church was a woman! What an inspiration!



### Upcoming Events:

**EAM National Consultation & 40th anniversary celebration, June 20-24, 2013** Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry will celebrate its 40th Anniversary and Church wide Consultation on June 20-24, 2013 in San Francisco, California at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Francisco Airport (Burlingame). Theme of the Consultation is *EAM@40: Remember, Celebrate & Re-Envision*. The event will feature a 1st EAM Invitational Golf Tournament as a fund-raising for the EAM Council (EAMC), a 501-C organization in partnership with the Asiamerica Ministry Office of The Episcopal Church (AMOTEC); and the Partnership Office for Asia and the Pacific (POAP). Speakers will include clergy and lay leaders who will emphasize the memory of those who pioneered EAM and celebrate the Mission Today. The Youth and Young Adults will lead in the topic of "re-envisioning the future thrust of Asiamerican Ministry." The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori will preach at the festive Eucharist on June 23 at 3:00 P.M. to be held at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and a celebration banquet will follow. *We encourage you to come and celebrate with us and ask that each church will include the sponsorship of participants in your annual budget to support this important event.* See below for a preview and venues.



## **EAM@40: Remember, Celebrate, Re-envision**

**June 20-24, 2013**

**Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport  
Burlingame, CA**

**Register** now for the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministries Consultation and 40th anniversary celebration. **Registration closes on May 20**, so don't delay! Register at <https://www.formstack.com/forms/DFMS-eam40>.

Focusing on the theme “EAM@40: Remember, Celebrate and Re-Envision Our Mission,” this conference will celebrate 40 years of Asiamerica Ministry.

Featuring:

- Opening Eucharist honoring living and historical pioneers, including the Rev. Hiram Hisanori Kano and the Rev. Dr. Winston Ching,
- Keynote by Bishop Stacy Sauls, COO of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, on “Domestic Mission: Focus on Poverty,”
- Keynote by Dr. Rodger Nishioka, professor of Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA, and noted motivational speaker, on “Global Mission: Focus on Asiamerica,”
- Parallel youth program includes visit to Angel Island and learning about Asian immigrant history; workshops include interculturalism, diversity, leadership, stewardship, worship, advocacy and a presentation from Church Pension fund,
- The Rev. Gay Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, will give an inspirational talk during the multicultural banquet on June 23,
- Closing Eucharist, featuring a multicultural liturgy complete with Chinese dragon dance, Philippine gongs, Korean drums and colorful Asian cultures. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will preach; the Rev. Dr. Fran Toy, first Asian American woman priest to be ordained in The Episcopal Church, will be the main celebrant.
- An “open microphone” will be facilitated for visions and dreams for the next 40 years and beyond.

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### *China Earthquake Relief Fund:*

May 12, 2013 is a special day for China for it's the 5th anniversary of the Wenchuan earthquake which took away the lives of over 80,000 people in 2008. In 5 years' time, two other major earthquakes have hit the same province and left many wounded memories. The most recent one was on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:02 a.m. A 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck the Lushan County of Ya'an city in Sichuan Province. The EAM Chinese Convocation has raised a total of US\$2000.00 this year to support the much needed relief efforts in the work through China Christian Council. Thank you for your kind donations and prayers.

### *News from Our Parishes and Missions:*

**China's 'great visionary' Bishop K. H. Ting dies at 97** [Episcopal News Service] K. H. Ting, an Anglican bishop prior to China's Cultural Revolution and a pioneer in the country's post-denominational era, died on Nov. 22, 2012 in Nanjing aged 97. The four representatives from The Episcopal Church USA to attend his funeral were: The Right Rev. Stacy Sauls, COO of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; The Right Rev. David Lai, Bishop of the Diocese of Taiwan; Canon Peter Ng, Partnership Officer for Asia and the Pacific, Global Partnerships Team; and The Rev. Ada Wong Nagata, Convener, EAM Chinese Convocation. [▶ READ MORE](#)

**RIP: The Rt. Rev. John C. T. Chien 簡啟聰主教** [Episcopal Diocese of Taiwan] The Rt. Rev. John C. T. Chien, the first native bishop of Taiwan, died on March 5 following a short illness. He was 72. [▶ READ MORE](#)

**Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Oakland** commemorated the Feast Day of Daniel G.C. Wu on April 6, 2013:



We commemorate the Reverend Daniel Gee Ching Wu (1883-1956), the first priest of True Sunshine Church and one of the first ministers of Chinese ancestry in the Episcopal Church in the United States. By firmly establishing True Sunshine in San Francisco and her sister mission (now Church of Our Saviour) in Oakland, Father Wu provided the Chinese community with Episcopal centers of learning, Christian devotion and fellowship, places of refuge and encouragement for the young and old. During his 36-year career, his care and nurture of immigrants and their families exemplified his compassion which extended to all people regardless of race, ethnicity, and religion. The memory of his Christ-like life remains a constant source of inspiration for us all.

**Episcopal Divinity School celebrated the Feast Day of Daniel G.C. Wu on April 11, 2013:**  
[Who Feed You?](#) A sermon by The Rev. Dr. Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School.  
[An order of Service](#) for the Community Eucharist at St. John's Memorial Chapel.

**Clergy Transitions** The Rev. Connie Lam has accepted a call to be the vicar of the Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry effective June 1; the vestry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Honolulu, Hawaii has called the Rev. Diane Martinson-Koyama to be their rector effective June 16; and the Rev. David Jackson has been called to be the Chaplain at Seabury Hall, Makawao, Maui effective August 1.



100 YEARS OF HISTORY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR  
(TRUE SUNSHINE MISSION)

In 1905, Deaconess Emma B. Drant from Honolulu, came to San Francisco and opened the True Sunshine Mission for the big Chinese population. As the result of the San Francisco earthquake and fire in 1906, a great number of the Chinese people fled across the bay to Oakland and in a brief period assembled themselves in a colony of their own camping for awhile on the shore of Lake Merritt.1 Aware of the opportunity, Deaconess Drant opened the Oakland Mission with her quarters in a small house. In July 1907, she sent to Honolulu for her former teacher and pupil, Ng Gee Ching. Prior to San Francisco, Deaconess Drant learned the Chinese language from Ng Gee Ching, who was very anti-Christian. Gee Ching later began to believe the Gospel and through his prayers to God, he was converted. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Elizabeth's Church in Honolulu and took the Christian name Daniel.

Three days after Daniel Ng arrived in San Francisco on July 12, 1907, he began teaching in the Mission school. He organized a Chinese afternoon school for Chinese children with the purpose of teaching them their native language and most importantly, to introduce them to the Gospel and the Church.



In 1908, he entered the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. Daniel graduated with honors in 1912. Daniel continued to be in charge of both Missions and was ordained a Priest in 1913. Bishop William Nichols was very proud that the first Chinese Episcopal priest belonged to his Diocese. The Rev. Daniel Gee Ching Ng later changed the pronunciation of his family name to Wu. The name Ng was very difficult for non-Chinese persons to pronounce. The Chinese character is written exactly the same. Ng is the Cantonese pronunciation and Wu is the Mandarin pronunciation.



Father Wu was assisted by an American deacon, The Rev. Thomas J. Williams and a group of volunteer workers. The work on the two sides of the bay was conducted on the same principles, the one being an almost exact counterpart of the other. Both True Sunshine San Francisco and True Sunshine Oakland had their afternoon Chinese schools for children. Each had its English evening school for men taught by the clergy and volunteers; and each had its Saturday sewing school taught by Mrs. Wu, the wife of the priest, and some women volunteers. Father Wu and the deacon, Father Williams, spent much of their time visiting among young men in Chinatown. Mrs. Wu visited among the women. Through the Chinese day schools, the English evening schools, sewing schools, and the visitations, the Missions came into direct contact with more than one hundred individuals every week. All this effort brought many men, women, and children within the influence of the Gospel and the Church.



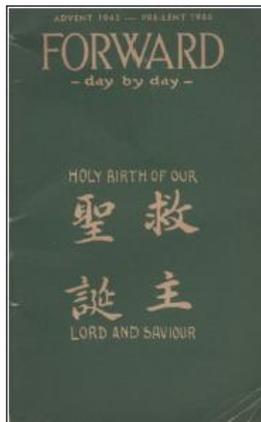
“Since my ordination to the Priesthood last June there have been regular early celebrations of the Holy Eucharist in the Chinese language at least once a month. Sunday School has been held every Sunday afternoon at 2 o’clock. The attendance is larger than ever before in the history of the Mission. There are about forty enrolled, of whom half are young men, the other half children and young girls...Immediately after Sunday School there is a short service with a sermon by the Priest in Charge. Through the Chinese day school, which meets every afternoon after public school hours, the Mission reaches some twenty-five children of Chinatown. Through the agency of the night school the workers have come into direct personal contact with over fifty Chinese men. These young men could easily have been held and won for the Church had we been able to have a sufficient number of teachers to care for

them.” *Report of The Rev. Daniel G. C. Ng, True Sunshine Mission, Oakland, Diocese of California, House of Churchwomen, 9th Meeting, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, January 27-29, 1914.*

True Sunshine Mission, Oakland, remained in its little store space on 528 Fifth Street for about a year. It had similar quarters on Sixth and Harrison Streets and on Sixth and Webster Streets. In 1914, a two story old frame building converted from a barn, located on 320 Sixth Street, was purchased where the Mission operated for nearly 30 years. The classes and services grew and the increasing work was hampered by crowded quarters.



While in San Francisco, the editor went to the bedside of the beloved Daniel G. C. Wu, for 35 years priest of True Sunshine mission, and also of its daughter church in Oakland. Father Wu has been ill and must retire. He gave the beautiful smile so many of us know, and said: “What can I do to show our thanks for the Forward Movement?” The editor answered: “Brush me some nice Chinese characters to mean Christmas, and I will make them a cover emblem of *Forward---Day By Day*.” So there they are --- a token of mutual respect and love, and of the Saviour who binds his people and ours in one family.



In 1941, the Oakland Mission moved into a new building on the corner of Ninth and Madison and has been appropriately designed with a slight Oriental flavor in its architecture. The Rt. Rev. Karl Morgan Block, Bishop of the Diocese of California, was determined to provide adequate quarters for the mission, in spite of the war time restrictions on building materials, he was able to overcome many barriers to achieve his purpose and to demonstrate his love for the Chinese people. The new building was named in honor of Miss Grace Lindley, the former executive secretary of the Women’s Auxiliary to the National Council. The building became the pride and joy of the Oakland congregation and it rightfully took its place as the community center of the Oakland Chinese community. At the same time, Father Wu retired and The Rev. Wai On Shim became the Priest-In-Charge followed by The Rev. Clarence Lee.



In 1947, The Rev. Stephen S. H. Ko was on his way back to Hong Kong after serving five years in Trinidad when Bishop Block intercepted him to become the Priest-In-Charge, and later the Vicar of the Oakland Mission. The Bishop wanted him to raise funds to build the chapel and vicarage. For land and building, the National Council and the United Thank Offering of the Women's Auxiliary have given \$20,000, the California branch of the Women's Auxiliary has pledged the \$2,500 needed, and the Chinese congregation pledged \$10,000<sup>2</sup> because of the wartime rise in costs, to complete the building. In spite of restrictions on most building materials, good friends of the Chinese in the Diocese have assured that construction will be completed.<sup>3</sup> In 1949, a new chapel and vicarage were built which united the three buildings into a beautiful "U" shaped complex on the green lawn. The first building served as the Parish Hall and School, while the chapel was to its right and the vicarage to its left. All the shrubbery and plants surrounding the buildings had their origin in China. Bishop Block wanted to honor Father Wu for his thirty six years of devotion to the Chinese ministry. The beautiful chapel was built as a tribute to The Rev. Daniel Gee Ching Wu. All three buildings were of Chinese design. In 1949, the vicarage and chapel were consecrated and True Sunshine Oakland was named The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour. Father Stephen Ko also married Elizabeth, the youngest daughter of Father Wu.



“The completion of this chapel and the vicarage serves as a living exhibit of the work of the National Council, the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of California, and the effort of the members of True Sunshine in Oakland. The Mission as she now stands is a symbol and testimony to the Glory of God. We have now in our contribution to this growing community these excellent facilities, designed for devotional, educational, and social endeavors. Truly, the completion marks an important and unusual milestone for the Mission and we now look forward to an even more accomplished future.” *The Rev. Stephen S. H. Ko, Vicar, True Sunshine Mission Tidings, Souvenir Edition, 1949.*



The Rev. Walter Hsi became the Interim Priest and later Vicar in 1961 when Father Ko was called to Hong Kong. On August 22, 1965, after 24 years at the corners of Ninth and Madison,

The Rt. Rev. James Pike was at Our Saviour to deconsecrate the chapel and all the buildings were completely demolished due to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) construction in the area. The Church was forced to relocate to rented quarters at 4360 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland. The Mission attempted to integrate in a predominantly white neighborhood, but was unsuccessful. Then in 1969, under the leadership of The Rev. Canon James Pun, the Mission congregation reaffirmed its desire to minister to the Chinese people and to return to the Oakland Chinese community.

In June 1970, the Mission returned to the Oakland Chinese community using temporary rental facilities at 1011 Harrison Street. The entire building was purchased by the Mission in December 1971 and The Rev. Victor Wei became the new Vicar and later Rector. On December 6, 1974, the Mission was admitted as a Parish in union at the 125th Diocesan Convention. In January 1985, The Rev. Gordon K. Lau became the new Rector continuing to the present time. With the addition of the masonry building at 1013 Harrison Street, the new chapel was dedicated on February 8, 1986.



In 1995, Our Saviour was designated as a Jubilee Center and the Oakland Chinatown Jubilee Community Center (OCJCC) was established. OCJCC continues the tradition of bringing men, women and children within the influence of the Gospel and the Church by providing them with various educational programs within the Oakland Chinatown community. The programs currently include an After School Program, Art Classes, Chinese Language School, Sunday Tutorial, and a Summer Fun Program with a computer lab in development. The Church's basement was converted into classrooms, a computer lab, and library/study hall to accommodate the growing participation in these various programs. In addition, Our Saviour continues to be active within the Diocese and at the National level with members who have been asked to serve for different committees and elected offices. The Church is also the home parish of the first Chinese female priest in the United States within the Episcopal Church.



With God's grace and love, the Chinese community continues to be served as the forefathers had envisioned a century ago. Thanks be to God!

- 1 Harriet B. Bakewell. Special Jubilee Number, Journal of the House of Churchwomen, 25th Meeting, 1950, Diocese of California, 50th Annual Report of the California Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, February 4-6, 1930.
- 2 The Pacific Churchman, Volume 84, Number 6, June 1949.
- 3 Loring A. Schuler. Jan Yat Kwong and Ng Gee Ching, The Pacific Churchman, Volume 78, Number 2, February 1942.

## More Good Eats



### **SHORTCUT TROPICAL MALASADAS**

**Vegetable oil, for deep-frying**

**1 cup prepared tropical-flavored pancake mix**

**3/4 cup water**

**6 slices bread, cut in quarters, crusts trimmed**

**1 cup sugar**

**Optional toppings: Cinnamon, cocoa powder, coconut flakes**

Heat oil in small pot, pouring oil to about 2 inches depth. Over medium-high heat, bring oil to 350 degrees.

Combine pancake mix and water in small bowl, whisking until no longer lumpy, but do not over mix.

Working with two or three pieces at a time, dip bread quarters in batter so they are evenly coated. Use tongs to place quarters in hot oil. Turn when golden brown on one side (this will take just a few seconds). Fry until second side is done, then remove from oil with clean tongs. Tap against side of pot to remove excess oil; drain on paper towels.

While still warm, roll in sugar and other toppings, if desired.

**For a fluffier result:** If your pancake mix does not include baking powder, your first malasadas may seem a little flat after frying. If so, stir 1/4 teaspoon baking powder into batter. Be careful to mix well and do not add too much, as the baking powder can give off a metallic taste.