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Winston Ching, remembered 1st Asiamerica missionary

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The news of Winston's death while traveling from Hong Kong to Hawaii sent shock waves throughout the church community at the start of the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. He died July 3, 2012 at the age of 69.

Friends and colleagues remembered the Rev. Dr. Winston Wyman Ching as a trailblazer, a trusted friend, and a legendary mentor. [In honor of Rev. Dr. Winston Ching and remembering Winston Ching](#) of his outstanding legacy, memorial services were held in Rockville, Hong Kong, San Francisco, and more to come in Los Angeles, New York and one to be held later in Honolulu. As we gathered to celebrate Winston's life, may he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Peace and blessings to you all,

Yours In Christ,

Ada Wong Nagata+, Convener

Paul Lai+, Co-Secretary

Peter Wu, Co-Convener

Joyce Lok, Co-Secretary

Convocation News Updates:

EAM National Consultation 2013 Planning Meeting, May 21-23, 2012

The EAM council, together with the ethnic conveners and youth representatives, joined by the local representatives from the Dioceses of California, Northern California, El Camino Real and San Joaquin met on May 21-23, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Francisco Airport to plan for next year's consultation. See below for more information.



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EAM 40th Anniversary & Churchwide Consultation 2013

Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry will celebrate its 40th Anniversary and Churchwide Consultation on June 20-24, 2013 in San Francisco, California. The tentative venue is the Hyatt 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 highlight 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.*

Please save the dates; more details to come soon.

Peter Ng installed as honorary canon at Philippines Episcopal Cathedral



Photo/Bruce Woodcock

Peter Ng, the Episcopal Church's partnership officer for Asia and the Pacific and EAM president emeritus, has been named an honorary lay canon of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines' National Cathedral of St. Mary and St. John in Quezon City, Philippines. Congratulations to Canon Peter Ng for a job well done.

[Read full article by ens Floyd Lalwet [here.](#)]

Elder Fu XianWei and The Rev. Peter Koon visit The Diocese of Hawaii

The Diocese of Hawaii welcomed Elder Fu XianWei, Chairman of the TSPM of Protestant Churches in China and the Rev. Peter Koon, General Secretary of the Province of Hong Kong for their July visit. The three day visit opened the door, and brought hope for possible future partnerships in mission opportunities between the east and the west. We appreciate the help of Peter Ng and his office for their support in making this historical visit possible.



From L to R: Delia Chang, The Rt. Rev. Richard Chang, Elder Fu XianWei, The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick and The Rev. Peter Koon

Upcoming Events:



SESQUICENTENNIAL: The Episcopal Church celebrates 150 years in Hawai'i. The celebration Eucharist will be on Sunday, November 11th, 9:00 AM at The Cathedral of St. Andrew. The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori will preach at the highlight Eucharist. *Come and celebrate with us.* ► [READ MORE](#)

News from Our Parishes and Missions:

St. James' Episcopal Church, Elmhurst, Queens

By The Rev. Peter Lai

St. James' Episcopal Church is rebuilding itself through its “Open Door” style of ministries and programs. Since January of this year when Fr. Peter Lai became Priest-in-Charge, many programs and events have been developed to welcome residents of our community in Elmhurst.

Fu-Lian (meaning “Blessing and Unity”) (Chinese) Seniors Center continued their second year at St. James' with weekday activities, monthly celebration of birthdays and many luncheons. Members of St. James' (non-Chinese speaking) had joint Chinese New Year Luncheon in February with over 80 in attendance. In February the second Chinese New Year Celebration of Elmhurst was held at St. James' Auditorium, an event sponsored by Council Member Daniel Dromm featuring Lion Dance, Korean Drummers and local elementary school children singing a traditional Chinese song. The growth of Fu-Lian this year brought about a big change. Immigrants including non-seniors from the Fu Jien Province (who speak in their own dialect) in China began to participate in Fu-Lian's programs and activities. After careful deliberations by everyone concerned leading to joint decision made in July, a Fu-Jienese Cultural group began to meet on its own every weekday right after the Fu-Lian program. Fr. Lai is an advisor to both groups.

As of January 15th, St. James' has begun a Chinese Language Mass. Thanks to the assistance of Mr. Peter Ng and Fr. David Henritz of the Bible and Prayer Book Society at the Church Center. St. James' received 100 copies each of the Bi-Lingual BCP and the Chinese Language Bible.

As of the first of week of August, a Chinese “Kung-Fu” and Cultural class began to meet three times a week. This is a class that has been very successful in Flushing for years and now looking to expand their base in serving the needs of the residents of Elmhurst. Students range in age from 5 to 15.

As of Labor Day next month, a “Tai-Chi” group will meet every Saturday morning.

While Chinese-related programs have been started this past year, St. James' is still predominantly a multi-cultural congregation that speaks only English. As such we held programs and activities that served to reach out to English-speaking residents and strengthen the relationship among parishioners. We had a Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Dance attended by about 75 people. We hosted a local Town Hall meeting in April that focused on the possible re-opening of an LIRR station in Elmhurst. In May, we held a free “Spring Concert” to “re-introduce” our church to the community. Dr. Hampson Sisler, our Choir Director and Organist, gave a masterful Organ Recital featuring two outstanding vocalists. About 65

people attended the concert and the “Wine-and-Cheese” reception afterwards. In July we welcome “Bobbi and the Strays” into our Auditorium for its “Cat Adoption Day”. We are pleased to report that four cats were adopted as a result.

Aside from the promise and excitement generated by these programs and activities, St. James' continues to serve the community at large with two AA groups (one Spanish and the other English) and one Spanish Al-Anon group. St. James' is also home to the American Baptist (Spanish) Congregation. As of November of 2011, while the new library is under construction, St. James' is the temporary home of Queens Library in Elmhurst on both pieces of our property: Adult Learning Classes at the Auditorium (where our church building) and the collection in a new building behind our historic building (1735) at Broadway and 51st Avenue. The new library is projected to be opened in 2014.

For a pictorial account of the recent programs and activities at St. James', please go to our Facebook page: “[St. James' Episcopal Church in Elmhurst, Queens](#)” (remember to put in the apostrophe and the word, “Queens”; otherwise you'll get the page of St. James Church in Elmhurst, IL!).

Episcopal Campus Ministry at UC-Irvine

By The Rev. Dr. Fennie H. Chang, Chaplain



Canterbury Irvine, the Episcopal campus ministry at UC-Irvine, was initially headed by the Rev. Edward P. Allen (1965-1974). In his eyes, campus ministry was “an aid to creative interaction” primarily “between the Church and the university . . . within and between the many communities of the university . . . also . . . between the Church and the rest of the community.”*

Indeed, in the past four decades, Canterbury Irvine has not only been serving as a campus ministry of the students, faculty, and staff at the University of California-Irvine, but also taking part in events with its fellow campus ministries from all over the United States as well as in the activities of the Interfaith Center at UCI as part of an ecumenical and interfaith dialogue on campus.

Last fall, six months following my ordination as a priest, I began to serve Canterbury Irvine as their chaplain. Through my observation and reflection in the past year, I have gradually come up with a picture of what this Canterbury Community may look like in three to five years:

More Culturally Inclusive: the percentage of the Asian students attending Canterbury UCI to increase to near 50%.

More Spiritual Growth: a series of spiritual growth programs (e.g., reading the Bible through a year, the Heavenly Talk series, etc.) available to help students grow spiritually.

More New Believers Baptized: at least one baptism to be given each year on campus to those new believers who have been attending our regular gatherings.

More Involvement in Local Outreach Programs: at least one third of the Canterbury UCI students to be involved in local outreach programs such as homeless shelters, street outreach programs, etc.

Currently, we meet twice a week in the Interfaith Center on the UC-Irvine campus: Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm, for Bible study (now called “Heavenly Talk Series”); Thursdays, 5:30-8:00 pm, for worship and fellowship, followed by a free community dinner. Besides, pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance are provided as well for students’ needs.

Being part of the Interfaith Center at UCI, we are also actively involved in all kinds of cross-religious activities such as the free lunch gathering open to all UCI students every Thursday in the Interfaith Center, the annual interfaith thanksgiving prayer meeting, and so on.



Of course, our short-term goal is to make our fellowship more attractive to UCI students. In addition to setting up a booth on the campus to promote ourselves during the Welcome Week in the fall, we are also planning to have a two-day retreat at Catalina Island in mid-October. A healing prayer circle may be formed and start to gather in the near future. Later this year, we may also join a local parish’s community service program to serve those in need.

In short, as the chaplain of Canterbury Irvine, I am hoping to create a welcoming community on the UCI campus for all of God’s children, especially those who live, work, and learn at UCI. It is our goal to make this Canterbury Community a place of spiritual growth, prayer, exploration, sharing, service, and home away from home so that not only people who join may have a sweet taste of the love of God but the value of the Kingdom of Heaven may also be able to be lived out on campus through the life and work of this loving campus fellowship.

*Edward P. Allen. “The Sacred and the Secular: Reminiscences of Campus Ministry at UCI: 1966-1976,” *Canterbury Irvine’s Early History*, retrieved October 20, 2003 from the World Wide Web: <http://www.canterburyirvine.org/history.htm>

General Convention, Indianapolis July 5-12, 2012: A View from Asiamerica

Report by The Rev. Canon Dr. Winfred B. Vergara, Missioner for Asiamerica Ministries

The 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church was by far, the most significant convention to me. For the first time, the Hmong language was included in one of the morning liturgies and six Asian American young adults participated in the Convention. There was a Hmong delegation from Holy Apostles in St. Paul, Minnesota. Our note on why we chose Hmong as language in the liturgy was written in the Worship Bulletin. It was a proactive advocacy of one of the most marginalized communities in the United States as well as the ethnic church that stands at the edge of mission in the 21st century.



The Hmong Delegation and friends at GC 2012

On the eve of our Convention, we were shocked by the news that our first Asiamerica Missioner, the Rev. Dr. Winston Wyman Ching died in Guam while en route from Hong Kong to Honolulu. We were interviewed by the Episcopal News Service and took part in the planning of memorial services. A resolution recognizing his role as pioneer of Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry was adopted by the House of Bishops.

Our Asiamerican deputies, particularly Warren Wong and David Ota showed great leadership, as chairs of Nominations Committee and Program Budget and Finance, respectively. Bayani Rico, Mimi Wu and Irene Tanabe of the EAM Executive Council were also present along with other EAM volunteers in the DSE (Diversity Social & Environmental Ministries) Booth. Lelanda Lee, Hisako Beasley, Keith Yamamoto, Sunil Chandy. Winnie Vargehese and Ryan Kosumoto, among others, were also notable as deputies from their dioceses.

I was particularly amazed at the conduct of the Convention. As Mission staff, I was assigned as liaison that week to the Standing Committee on “Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music.” Some resolutions it tackled were the hot button issues such as the rite of blessing of same sex marriage. I followed the legislative process from committee meetings, public hearings and presentations at the Houses and was impressed by the high level of discourse. There were disagreements but the debates were civil and respectful of each other’s dignity, which made me proud of “Being Episcopalian,” as the title of my booklet suggests.

The hallmarks of democracy include “the majority decides but the minority have rights.” The final decision on same sex liturgy provided a “conscience clause,” to respect the feelings of

others. The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, explained that the use of this rite (PB Letter of Aug. 3, 2012), which will start on Advent 2012, is not compulsory but optional. “Like private confession...the principle is: ‘all may, some should, none must,’” the PB wrote.

The “Asiamerica Lunchtime Conversation” sponsored by the Asiamerica Office, Partnership for Asia and the Pacific, and EAM Council brought together Asian deputies, primates and guests from Asia and a number of Episcopal bishops. We shared with them about the proposed Asia-America Theological Exchange in Manila on February 2013 and the EAM National Consultation on June 20-24, 2013 in San Francisco, California. We invited the primates and the bishops to be part of the EAM 40th Anniversary Thanksgiving Eucharist on June 23, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at Grace Cathedral. We shared with them about the diverse programs of Asiamerica Ministries and particularly the partnership with Episcopal Divinity School in the Doctor of Ministry Program on Asian American Studies and the partnership with the Anglican Church of Korea in missionary church planting.



Asiamerica Lunchtime Conversation at PF Chang, Indianapolis

We shared also our continuing collaboration with other ethnic offices and ministries. The Indigenous Ministry and the Black Ministry are proactive in the socio-economic issues and people’s advocacies while the Latino/Hispanic Ministry continues to be evangelistic. The Jubilee and Environmental Ministries make inroads in domestic poverty and stewardship of the earth. I am glad to be part of the team.

The budget approved for the next triennium (2012-2015) was based on the five marks of mission, namely:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

These 5 Marks of Mission, developed by the Anglican Consultative Council between 1984 and 1990, have won wide acceptance among Anglicans. It should provide us all with an easy

to remember "checklist" for how we should design our program and mission activities. I will be willing to serve as Resource when your parishes re-envision your ministries.

The call for structural change also dominated the debates in the GC 2012. The need for change in church structure is imperative. As we experience revolutionary changes in the world, Christianity must either "change or die," as the title of a book from retired bishop of Newark, John Shelby Spong suggests. A special committee will be formed to study and propose change in Structure.

The triennial budget (2013-2015) of the Church is affected by the drop of revenues, loss of membership and the continuing economic decline. In the Church Center, we saw some staff lay-offs, though not as dramatic as the day following the 2009 General Convention.

A slightly reduced budget will affect but not alter our scheduled plans for 2013. We will have our EAM Consultation in San Francisco but we call upon everyone to be creative and resourceful and aspire to become better stewards of God's generosity. After my lecture on "Ethnic Stewardship" at the New Community Gathering in San Diego last March 2012, I received numerous requests for similar seminars from our EAM constituencies and dioceses. The Stewardship Officer, Laurel Johnston, maintains a website in the Episcopal Church Center which provides resources for study. The Episcopal Network on Stewardship (TENS) awarded the Rev. Charles Chen from the Diocese of Taiwan, as an "Apostle of Transformation" for inspiring his parish to become good stewards and to build twelve mission churches in the Philippines.*

In times like these that we need to lift up some heroes of our past and learn from them. I just returned from North Platte, Nebraska where the Presiding Bishop led in the celebration of the legacy of Hiram Hisanori Kano. Kano distinguished himself as an immigrant rights advocate, Japanese American internee and Episcopal priest. In the context of economic depression in the 1930's, he was an agriculturist; in the unjust internment camps in World War II, he was a prisoner-teacher-evangelist; as an Episcopalian, he was a lover of God's Word and disciple of Christ's ministry of reconciliation.

We will also remember the life and work of Winston Ching, the pioneer and first missionary for Episcopal Asiamerica Ministries. Like Kano, he was also a bridge builder, establishing networks of relationship and persistently working for the Kingdom of God. His life, just like Kano's will serve as one of our sources of inspiration and strength as we go about doing God's work in our own generation. May God, who continually works wonders, inspire you to do His mission.

The Rev. Dr. Winfred B. Vergara

[Also see: [Presiding Bishop's message to the church on General Convention](#)]

[Also see: [Awards honor 4 dioceses for creative stewardship programs](#)]

[* Fr. Charles Chen's "Apostle in Transformational Stewardship Award" report and remark to be found in the attached Chinese Taiwan Episcopal Church News pp. 11-13"]

An Open Letter To A Dear Friend

Memorial Service Homily by The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy
Saturday, August 4, 2012
St. John the Evangelist, San Francisco, CA

Dear Winston,

It is extremely difficult to believe that you are gone!!! Intellectually, we know that life is fragile, but when someone as beloved as you suddenly is gone, it make us “deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life” (BCP p. 504).

Winston, do you remember when and where we first met? My widowed sister, Gladys, attended summer school at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, in 1965. Being that she was a faithful Episcopalian, she went to church on Sunday. Guess what? The very Sunday she attended St. Peter’s, the congregation was giving you a send-off. You were on your way to seminary, to CDSP, to the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA.

While you were a seminarian, Gladys and my mother invited you for dinner. Since they lived upstairs from my family and me in a four-plex, we all met you the very first time you visited them. I know you always remembered my mother and sister with great fondness, as you mentioned more than once, how you appreciated having some Chinese home-cooking, especially on the weekends when the CDSP refectory was closed.

Then there was the summer you were at Yellowstone Park. That began for you, a long-time commitment to the program, “A Christian Ministry in the National Parks.” We found you, sitting on a bench which overlooked a lake, reading on a gorgeous afternoon. You WERE surprised!!! As we chatted, we found out you were working in the ice house. For those of you who don’t know what an ice house is, it is a building where blocks of ice are made for purchase by people who are camping to put their ice chests in to keep their food cold. As we continued chatting, you advised us against ever purchasing ice from an ice house. You didn’t use so many words to tell us why not, however, with our imagination and your constantly- running nose, it told us what we needed to know!!! As the Chinese saying goes: (Give quote in Chinese.)

Beginning with that bit of sage advice, our friendship was filled with your caring in more ways than I have time to recount as part of my homily. During the reception which follows this service, your friends, your relatives and I can continue to share stories with one another, keeping in mind that a story not told is a story lost.

In 1968, my family and I were at All Souls’ Episcopal Church in Berkeley on the tenth of June when you and Franklin Chun were ordained deacons. Many years later, on the 24th of May, 1991, I was at CDSP when the seminary honored you with a Doctor of Divinity degree, honoris causa. Do you remember the citation in the service booklet included the following words? (And I quote):

*“One can only imagine how many lives he has touched,
and how many ministries he has enabled in these years.”*

That sentence was referring to your being associate chaplain in 1968 at the Alameda County Juvenile Hall and Herrick Hospital in Berkeley, your being vicar of St. John the Evangelist from 1970-1974, your work among American Indians, your being Officer for Asiamerica Ministries from 1974 and still on-going at the time of receiving your D.D., your membership on the Commission of Justice, Liberation, and Human Fulfillment of the National Council of Churches and your serving on the Board of Directors of Church World Service -- these being only a partial list of your involvement in multiple organizations, committees, commissions, boards, and agencies.

When news of your death reached Indianapolis where the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church was about to convene, a resolution was passed in the House of Bishops commending you for being a pioneer and first Missioner of Asiamerica Ministry in the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Pat McCaughan, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for the Episcopal News Service, gathered comments from friends and colleagues, far and wide. Winston, dear friend, I bet your ears would have turned very red had you heard or read what was said about you! There were words like, "trailblazer, trusted friend, legendary mentor, gentle, thoughtful, supportive, humble, inspiring, empowering, wise, funny, intuitive, loving, and accessible." And, that's only some of the adjectives! WOW!!!

Winston, people sitting at this service to celebrate your life have heard three passages of scripture. The first, from the Hebrew bible, is the prophet, Isaiah's vision of a heavenly banquet as a big banquet in which God will prepare. The words, "a feast of rich food," remind me of the times when you introduced me to some foods that would fall under the category of food for a feast. I can clearly remember having gooey duck sashimi for the first time! Having seen the raw, ugly-looking gooey duck before trying to eat one piece was quite a challenge! I KNOW you were watching me, intently!!! And if that weren't daring enough for me, next was drunken shrimp. I NEVER could decapitate the shrimp, saving the heads for a most scrumptious soup to be served later on during the dinner. Again, you were watching and probably laughing!

I was delighted when I could cook for you. You LOVED the "jai" which I made every year on the first day of the Chinese New Year. You found the way I put together the Buddhist Monk's dish composed entirely of vegetables, quite similar to the way your mother made it. Either you came to Oakland and sat in my kitchen or do you remember the time that I flew down to L.A. with some and you sat and ate "jai" while the EAM Council met?

Winston, we shared something else. The "W" in Winston W. Ching stands for your Chinese name, Wyman. My Chinese name sounds the same but uses different characters. As you know, another thing we share by virtue of baptism is being one of God's beloved children. This fact is brought out in the reading from the eighth chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Romans. We are dear to God as we are God's own children. Even as children strive to please their earthly parents, we, as Christians, are called to give honor to our heavenly parent by using our God-given gifts to do good and spread the "Good News." It was Mother Teresa who said and I quote, "We cannot all do great things, but

we can do small things with love.” Winston, you have done both great and small things with love.

When people heard and read about all that you have accomplished in sixty-nine years, they can wholeheartedly agree with the Rev. Jenny Nam, homilist for the service in Hong Kong, who described you as, and I quote, “God’s secret agent” and “a quiet revolutionary,” among many other sterling attributes. Your life, Winston, has reflected Christian values and service, beginning here in the Diocese of CA, to the Church, the surrounding community, and extending to ministries at the national and international levels.

There is a saying the God whom we worship is a “God of surprises.” You, my friend, can be described as a “gentleman of surprises.” Let me remind you of just two incidences: First in 1993 when EAM celebrated its 20th Anniversary, you surprised us, Ms. Carole Jan Lee and me, by presenting us with EAM Crosses. These crosses were usually given to ethnic convocation chairs when they had fulfilled their terms as convener. You presented Carole and me with EAM crosses for faithfully serving EAM for 20 years. It was a surprise!!! Six years later when the annual EAM Consultation’s theme was “Pilgrims from Many Lands: Companions in Ministry,” you presented the Rev. Dr. Meredith Potter and me with sterling silver collar buttons. I still have them in the original plastic bag with your business card as Officer for Asiamerica Ministry – Director of Congregational Ministries. On the back of the business card, you had written the theme of that year’s consultation in your distinctive, meaning difficult-to-read handwriting and the four words, “Sterling silver collar buttons.” That also was a big surprise!!!

The Rev. Jenny Nam additionally described you as a person “generous with sharing your many resources.” I would agree with that, Winston, as over the 47 years of our friendship, you have provided me with timely, practical and useful information. You introduced me to luggage with wheels when they first became available I can still remember the stares of people as I handily pulled my Travel Pro through airports! Then there was my chance remark of a flannel nightgown taking up too much room in my 20-inch luggage. Winston, do you remember asking me, “Haven’t you heard of silk underwear?” After that, when traveling during cold weather – enter: silk underwear and exit: bulky, flannel nightgowns!!! THANK YOU, Winston!!!

In 2006, the first time I was stricken with gout, an e-mail arrived from you, listing the foods, with high levels of purines to eliminate from my diet in order to avoid having gout, again. In 2009 when my liver cancer recurred, you sent me a bottle of capsules to help build up my immune system. The package arrived with an explanation from you that these capsules were developed by the same Dr. Chan who had treated Chris and lengthened his life by many years. Dr. Chan was applying for FDA approval, you wrote. I found out how fairly expensive these capsules were only when I insisted that you accept reimbursement and when my liver cancer recurred yet again last year, an e-mail from you detailed a treatment available in Singapore and Hong Kong. With your usual radical

hospitality, you offered to house me if I decided to receive treatment in Hong Kong. You were a true friend!!!

Going back to 1973 when EAM, Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry was founded, I attended only the closing Eucharist which was at Grace Cathedral. Next year, EAM will celebrate its 40th anniversary and be at Grace Cathedral, again. Oh, Winston, you will be so sorely missed!!! In already preparing for next year, I find myself wanting to e-mail you to ask you about this and that! EAM's 40th anniversary was to include honoring you, its founder though EAM was not your only focus during your years of ministry. As I reflected on your life, I could not help but marvel at the breadth and depth of God's many ministries through you. The legacy you have left behind is stunning! You are more, much, much, more than EAM personified! How many people would merit at least four worship services to celebrate a life . . . services in Hong Kong, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York City? Could you have guessed, Winston, your life would make such an impression on so many people that archbishops and bishops would preside at services to celebrate your life?

Thanks to you the EAM family has included your brother, Jon, your sister-in-law Joanne, and your mother, Ellen. How many hours did Jon spend on putting together visual presentations of past consultations? How many consultations did Joanne and Jon attend? How many years did your mother, Ellen, staff the registration desk and sell EAM t-shirts? One year your mother shared a piece of ginger candy with my husband, Art. It was so yummy that I kept a piece, hoping that I could find more to buy. I still have that piece of ginger candy.

Yes, indeed, memories give us strength in times of sorrow and even though we know that you are in a better place, we can't help but feel a profound sense of loss, wishing you didn't leave so soon and especially so suddenly!

In John's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples there is enough room for everyone in God's house and he, Jesus, himself, will go to prepare a way and he will lead people there. We who have been left behind live in the hope of the resurrection for as written in the Episcopal Church's BCP, "Jesus was raised from the dead, (so that) we too shall be raised." (BCP p. 507) And so, Winston, I end my letter to you using words from the gospel of Matthew, "Well done, good and faithful servant;" (Mt. 25:21 – The Jerusalem Bible). Finally, may God watch between you and me until we meet again.

Your sister-in-Christ,
Fran Toy+

Episcopal Divinity School Offers D. Min Program for Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry

By Dr. Kwok Pui-lan
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Over the years, the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry (EAM) has grown to be an important part of the mission of the Episcopal Church. The Rev. Winston Ching, who passed away this summer, was the first Missioner of Asiamerica Ministry in the Episcopal Church. A trailblazer of great vision, he has nurtured a generation of leaders for the Asian American churches.

In April 2011, leaders of EAM began a series of conversation with the Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) to develop advanced training in pastoral leadership. The Doctor of Ministry project addresses the need of Episcopal Asian clergy serving in the United States, Episcopal Asian American clergy, and clergy belonging to the Concordat and ecumenical partners of the Episcopal Church for continuing theological education that equips and empowers them for effective leadership in the 21st century.

EDS is well known for its anti-racist and multicultural approach to theological education. Located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with its rich educational resources, EDS provides a stimulating learning environment for its students. It has a very diverse faculty, with four Asian and Asian American professors teaching in the areas of Bible, early Christianity, systematic theology, mission and world Christianity, and world religions.

Students do not need to leave their jobs and communities to pursue the D.Min program, since it is built around intensive terms in January and June, with online simulcast participation in fall and spring courses.

In the past two decades, EDS has graduated many Asian American students who are serving in parishes, dioceses, and Christian organizations. In June, the D.Min program welcomed the Rev. Thomas Eoyang, Jr. and the Rev. Ada Wong Nagata. The Rev. Eoyang is rector of Grace Epiphany Church in Philadelphia and an alumnus of the school. He said, "I am interested in taking advantage of the exciting opportunity offered by the partnership of the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministries and Episcopal Divinity School to explore the cultural, spiritual, and organizational experience of people of Chinese descent in the Episcopal Church in the United States."



From L to R: Professor Patrick Cheng, The Rev. Thomas Eoyang,
The Rev. Ada Wong Nagata, Professor Gale Yee

As we live in an interconnected and globalized world, EDS is committed to developing partnership in theological education across the Pacific. Last summer, 4 faculties, 2 staff, and 12 students took part in a China travel seminar to visit churches, seminaries, universities, temples, and mosques. They experienced the phenomenal growth of the Chinese churches and learned about the legacy of the Episcopal Church in China.

I hope that the D. Min program will nurture reflective practitioners, who will lead Asian American faith communities to respond to the needs of the rapidly changing world. The D. Min program can provide a place for developing stimulating dialogue on contextual theology, pastoral leadership, and congregational strategy. It will honor the legacy and broaden the vision that the Rev. Winston Ching has begun and left behind.

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