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NAPAD Ministry Team

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Mission of NAPAD

The North American Pacific/Asian Disciples of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) affirms the cultures and heritages of Pacific/Asian peoples within the historic and living Christian faith. As part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we join with other Disciples in the total mission of the church, to recognize and promote the gifts and presence of North American Pacific/Asian Disciples in the life and work of the Church.

Purpose of NAPAD

- To participate in God's mission through the various expressions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.
- To contribute to the wholeness and unity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.
- To advocate for Pacific/ Asian Disciples within and outside the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.
- To share the gifts and traditions of Pacific/Asian Disciples with the wider church.

NAPAD ministry continued to thrive in accordance with the Disciples identity in becoming "*a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world*". NAPAD is faithfully on the frontline of accomplishing the four mission priorities of the Church: Becoming a Pro-Reconciling and Anti-Racist Church; New Church Establishment; Congregational Transformation; and Leadership Development.

I. Becoming a Pro-Reconciling and Anti-Racist Church

There are about 120 churches (25 among them are new church or newly joined less than three years) in 2018 which consist mostly 18 different ethnic and linguistic groups: Burmese, Cambodian, Chin, Chinese, Chuukese, Filipino, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Karen, Korean, Laotian, Mongolian, Montagnard, Samoan, Tongan, Vietnamese, and Zo. We gather to form one community – the NAPAD community. NAPAD contributes to the Disciples being "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." Our 20/20 vision is to have 200 pro-reconciling and anti-racist congregations.

We have offered culturally adapted anti-racist training (in Korean) in Pacific Southwest Region in consultation from the Reconciliation Ministry. Several ethnic group leaders are being trained to offer language and culture adapted training in several languages

Beside existing trainer, we are continuously seeking to educate new leaders who can have anti-racism training in each ethnic language

Together with the Council on Christian Unity, NAPAD sponsored Resolution GA 1522, "A Call for Peace, Justice, and Reunification in the Korean Peninsula" in GA 2015, we are continuously working with DOM and other ecumenical partners with ministry to promote permanent peace for Korean Peninsula.

After the last presidential election, there is new fear of racism among immigrants' community. We are working with DHM Refugee and immigration ministry to develop a specific educational resource to support NAPAD community affected by it. We will be continuously working with partners to advocate and support our community which has been greatly affected by immigration issue.

We are working with Reconciliation Ministry to award grant to support program and education for anti-racism.

Executive Pastor and Rev. Chan Hee Heo are serving as board members of Reconciliation ministry council.

II. New Church Establishment

NAPAD ministries has been in forefront of Disciples 2020 vision effort. In partnership with New Church Ministry of Church Extension and Regional Committees of New Church Development, we have initiated and/or established new NAPAD congregations.

Training of new church planters is an ongoing process that requires the collaboration of congregational, regional, and general ministry. Rev. Nerleb Likisap participated in first annual Coaching Academy hosted by Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation. Which was held in Indianapolis in May 17-19.

The Geunhee Yu Covenant Fund was established in 2012 to provided funding for new church ministry. And This year we add significant donation to reach \$100.000 for its endowment so that it can continuously provide support for this important ministry.

NAPAD supported Chuukese leadership and ministry development through Chuukese Easter Rally held on March 31-April 1 in Portland, OR and Chuukese Youth Rally held on June 28-30, 2018 in St. Joseph, MO. Together with regional and general ministry partners, NAPAD continues to support and advocate for the Chuukese Disciples as they work on church growth and sustainability. NAPAD ministry is closely working with several regional churches to develop more robust relationship between Chuukese Community and Disciples. In June 2018 Chuukese Youth rally, NAPAD office with rev. Terrell McTyer (new church ministry) provided educational session for the Chuukese pastors and leaders

NAPAD is in process of establishing new Disciples Congregations in Mesa AZ, Louisville, KY, Orlando, FL. Bismarck, SD

III. Congregational Transformation and Pastoral Care

In December 2014, in honor of the late Rev. Harold Johnson, who was pivotal to the establishment and development of the ministries of NAPAD, the Harold Johnson Legacy Fund was established.

This fund serves to support NAPAD congregation as they develop and strengthen their children, youth, and women ministries.

New application for the grant will be announced in September.

NAPAD keep supporting several congregations in their efforts to revitalize their ministries through diverse outreach programs

IV. Leadership Development

NAPAD supported five seminarians through providing funds for their internships in congregational and general ministries. This was done with the hopes that they will apply themselves in developing their ministerial skills and leadership capabilities.

There are four ordinations celebrated:

Jennie Hwang ordained in South West Region (February 11, 2018) in First Chinese Christian Church, Plano, TX.

Teresa Pecinovsky ordained in Tennessee Region (June 17, 2018) in Eastwood Christian Church, Nashville, TN

Hee Sook Yoo ordained in Northwest Region (July 14, 2018) in Lake Washington Christian Church, Kirkland, WA

Tevita Uesi ordained in Central Rocky Mountain Region (July 28, 2018) in First Tongan Christian Church (Granger Community Christian Church), West Valley City, UT

The Korean Disciples Convocation had leadership training workshop in KDC convocation held in South Bay Christian Church in California on Jan. 22-25th, 2018.

Kagiwada scholarship was awarded to Tipisone Junior Tuiolemoto (Graduate Theological Union) Safue Logo Ulufaleilupe (Pacific School of Religion) in 2018
Soongook Choi scholarship was awarded to Kyeongjung Kim (Brite Divinity School) in 2018.

V. The 20th Biennial NAPAD Convocation.

We had the 20th Biennial NAPAD convocation in Portland, OR on August 8-11th 2018. Our theme was “One in Christ: Growing into Unity” Ephesian 4:13. Chinese mission started at First Christian Church of Portland by Christian Woman’s Mission Board in 1891. We have returned to this historical place to open new era for NAPAD ministry. We have worship, fellowship and learning opportunities including 4-day young adult pre-convocation event. We had total 270 participants including visitors. I want to express special thanks to Program and Life committee and young adult leadership to make the event another success.

VI. Ministry Team and Communication Coordinator.

Our ministry teams have been working hard in regional and ethnic setting. Especially under minimal financial support, their dedication and effort help our ministry a lot. Beside existing ministry team, we need new ethnic leaders who can work with us for new emerging ethnic group such as Chuukese. Instead hiring permanent staff, I would like to work with those leaders as annual basis by support them with resources and education.

Pastor Baek Hee Kim officially started his work as part time communication coordinator in NAPAD office from January 2018. He has been great help for our ministry.

VII. New Website and quarterly e-newsletter are in development.

NAPAD office is working on developing and improving our communication by updating NAPAD website and begin new quarterly e-newsletter for new year. With Facebook page, these new ways of communication will help our community to share our ministry among ourselves and broader church. These will be done before the end of first quarter in 2019. New fundraising effort including online donation capability in our website is also under development.

Recommended Action

The General Board receives this report from the North American Pacific/Asian Disciples Ministries and forwards it to the 2019 General Assembly for consideration and discussion.

