

Multi Asian Gathering



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Brief Biographies:

1. Rev. Dr. Terrence Chan, Founder and Launch Leader. Terry is the pastor of Christ for All Nations Lutheran Church, San Francisco, an English speaking multiethnic, multilingual, multisite microchurch that came into existence through the merger of two rapidly declining English speaking LCMS congregations. The new congregation now encompasses a Cantonese language ministry, the largest stand-alone food pantry in San Francisco, partners to support an LCMS Ethiopian, Amharic language congregation at a secondary campus, and hosts a Spanish language congregation on their main campus.
2. Rev. Steve Law of Wollaston Lutheran Church. Steve leads the Chinese congregation in Quincy, Massachusetts where his father was the founding pastor. As a bilingual pastor who speaks English and Cantonese, Steve leads Cantonese speaking ministry while also continuing to develop next generation English ministry. Steve is also the chairman of Chinese Lutherans in Mission Building (CLIMB).
3. Rev. Dr. Tom Park is a first generation Korean who self-describes himself as 1.5 generation. Tom has served cross-culturally in a Hmong language ministry within a White, English speaking LCMS congregation in Minnesota. Tom was formerly a professor at Concordia University, Irvine, CA. He recently accepted a call to serve as a theological educator/missionary in Taiwan.
4. Rev. Dr. Andrew Nguyen, is a first generation Vietnamese speaking pastor who also self-describes as a 1.5 generation Vietnamese American and engages in intracultural ministry. Andrew has been invited to teach and speak at many Vietnamese venues around the world. Andrew has planted a new congregation in Vancouver, WA while serving at Lutheran Church of the Master, Portland, OR. Currently, Dr. Nguyen is transitioning to Dayton, OH.
5. Mr. Edward Kwak, a lay leader on the launch team, is of Korean descent. Edward is a Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) district vice president. Edward's position covers the entire West region which allows him to have great interaction with various LCMS congregations and relationship with individuals from all ethnic backgrounds in an intercultural environment.
6. Rev. Kinh Vu, a chemist by trade before becoming an LCMS pastor who now serves bi-vocationally in Southern California. Kinh is the senior pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Garden Grove, CA serving a Vietnamese speaking congregation, a White/English speaking congregation, and a Korean speaking congregation in a multicultural setting.
7. Rev. Benjamin Mai, a second generation Vietnamese pastor who remains fluent in speaking the native language and self-describes as a 1.5 generation Vietnamese. Ben serves transculturally on the University of California San Diego campus in student ministry while also serving as pastor for the sponsoring American, English speaking congregation of University Lutheran Church. Pastor, University Lutheran Church, UC San Diego, CA.
8. Ms. Sarah Seying, a graduate of Concordia University Wisconsin in Hospitality and Event Management, and a minor in Missions. Daughter of the first LCMS Hmong ordained pastor, Rev. Kou Seying. Sarah grew up in diverse ministry contexts and now serves as Admissions Officer at Concordia Seminary St. Louis, guiding prospective students through the enrollment process of the various Advanced Studies and distance programs. Also serves as Mosaic Manager of the LCMS Youth Gathering, leading a planning team focused in the multiethnic spectrum of the Gathering.

FAQ

1. What is the Multi Asian Gathering?

The Multi Asian Gathering is a mission movement of Asian leaders (clergy and laity) to celebrate our unity and uniqueness in mission and ministry in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

2. What is the purpose of the Multi Asian Gathering?

*The purpose of the **Multi Asian Gathering** is to gather Asian leaders from diverse Asian backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures to celebrate our common mission roots in the LCMS. Along with other mission leaders of the LCMS, we hope to address common mission and ministry topics such as leadership development, theological education, church planting, discipleship, colloquy programs, cross-cultural missions, and next-generation ministry. We desire to network and form meaningful relationships with all cultures and expand our interaction with LCMS leaders*

3. Who is involved in the Multi Asian Gathering?

The Multi Asian Gathering is in partnership with the Multiethnic Symposium at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and the LCMS Office of Nation Mission which provided a National Development Grant. The Multi Asian Gathering has the support and endorsement of numerous LCMS Asian conferences and LCMS district presidents. A roster of the launch team members is listed above.

4. How often does the Multi Asian Gathering meet?

The Multi Asian Gathering will launch its first in-person gathering May 4-5, 2022 following the Multiethnic Symposium at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, (May 3-4). The Multi Asian Gathering plans to meet annually.

5. Who can attend the Multi Asian Gathering?

Everyone! All are welcome! In addition to Asian leaders we welcome anyone who is engaged in or is interested in Asian mission and ministry. The Multi Asian Gathering is included with your Multiethnic Symposium registration.

For additional information and to register please visit:

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