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Dear members and friends of the Asian American Baptist Caucus,

Here is the fall issue of our caucus newsletter, thanks to the many individuals who have submitted wonderful articles and photos for it! As has been our custom, we're sharing reports about caucus events (nationally and locally) and events of interest to caucus members, announcements of future events, reports and descriptions of our member churches, news about people, and other information.

- Several articles relate to the Caucus events held in conjunction with the ABC Biennial in San Juan, Puerto Rico. You'll find them starting on page 2. They include introductions to our new President- and Vice President-elect.
- Reports on other events begin on page 5, including the Karen youth conference, courses for pastors from Burma, and the retreat recently held for our East Coast members.
- A preliminary announcement concerning *Immerse*, the national youth event to be held in 2012, begins on page 6.
- A number of articles relating to our member churches start on page 7, beginning with an update concerning the four San Francisco churches who had been informed that the buildings in which they were meeting were about to be sold. Some of the remaining articles deal with specific recent events, while others give an overview of the history and/or ministry of the congregation.
- People news takes up most of page 11.
- A photo gallery also starts on page 11, comprised of photos that basically tell their own story.
- A few announcements occur at the end of the newsletter, on page 13.

We hope that you enjoy this issue of the newsletter, and we invite you to submit material for the next one, which is scheduled to be published on December 1st. May God bless you and yours!

CAUCUS MEMBERS GATHER IN PUERTO RICO

Members of the Asian American Baptist Caucus gathered in Convocation on June 24th, in conjunction with the ABC/USA Biennial *Celebrate 2011!* at the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan. Opening worship for the group was led by youth from New Life Fellowship of Castro Valley CA. They led in music, read the scriptures, and offered prayers, after which two of them gave their testimonies. Worship concluded with everyone holding hands in a circle and singing *Father, We Adore You* as a round.



After worship, a presentation was made on *Immerse*, the National Youth Gathering to be held next summer in Washington DC. (See article below.) Following this, the youth led the total group in a “mixer,” in which each participant traded items that represented his or her culture or city.

The business session of the caucus included receiving reports from the various officers, regional and language group advocates, and national staff members. The Nominating Committee’s report was received and the following were elected for 2012-13: **Rev. Marie Onwubuariri** as President, **Rev. Woun Kim** as Vice President, and **Rev. Dr. Paul Aita** (re-elected) as Communications Consultant. Following lunch, the caucus discussed and

took action to “adopt for implementation” a proposal for the formation of the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches. The text of the news release announcing this important event appears later in this newsletter, as does biographical information about our new President and Vice President.

At the dinner meeting that evening, Caucus President **Rev. Kenneth Kho** extended a welcome, and **Rev. Don Ng** offered the prayer of invocation. Following the meal, **Dr. Yosh Nakagawa** installed the new officers and **Rev. Dr. Elmo Familiaran** offered a prayer of dedication. The program for the evening featured a slide presentation portraying 27 of the caucus’s churches from all over the US: from Massachusetts to southern California, and from Maryland to Washington State. Represented were congregations whose heritage originated in Burma, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, and the Philippines, as well as some that would describe themselves as Pan-Asian or multi-ethnic. A musical celebration was presented by the Say Amen! Gospel Ensemble of the First Chinese Baptist Church of San Francisco, under the direction of **Ms. Joy Shih**.



Closing remarks and a benediction were given by President-elect Marie Onwubuariri,

after which caucus members proceeded to the opening session of *Celebrate 2011!*

Many members of the Asian Caucus had prominent roles in the Biennial meeting and related events. Among these were the following:

- **The Say Amen! Gospel Ensemble** (see above) sang at the opening Worship Service on Friday afternoon, as well as in a number of other settings.
- **Rev. Karen Yee** participated in "A Time of Response" after the message in the Friday afternoon service. She and **Jordan Wong** also made a presentation on Sunday evening concerning next year's youth event, "Immerse" (see below).
- **Dr. Yosh Nakagawa** was awarded the Cora and John Sparrowk President's Award at the Friday evening worship service.
- **Rev. Dr. Wungreiso Valui**, Senior Pastor of Fort Wayne (IN) Baptist Church, spoke with a few other "passionaries" about home mission opportunities on Saturday at the ABHMS Pavilion.
- **Rev. Dr. Stephen Hre Kio**, Senior Pastor of Indiana Chin Baptist Church in Indianapolis, preached at the Pavilion that same morning.
- **Rev. Don Ng**, Senior Pastor of the First Chinese Baptist Church of San Francisco was elected Vice President of ABC/USA for 2012-14.
- **Ivan Utomo**, member of the Indonesian American Community Church of Moraga CA (and son of Rev. Ben Utomo) played classical piano for the "House Band" during worship services throughout the Biennial.
- **Rev. Lauren Ng** from San Rafael CA and Rev. Marie Onwubuariri from San Pablo CA served as members of the Biennial Planning Committee.

NEWS RELEASE: ASIAN CAUCUS VOTES TO FORM NEW ALLIANCE

The following is the text of a news release that was distributed by the Asian Caucus on July 11th. The name of the Chin organization that appears in the second paragraph has been corrected for this newsletter.

"At the meeting of the Asian American Baptist Caucus (AABC) held on June 24th in San Juan, Puerto Rico, just prior to the opening session of the ABC Biennial, AABC members formally agreed to approve for implementation a proposal entitled 'The Formation of the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches.' The proposal, which had been distributed via e-mail to the AABC constituency on June 1st, was the fruit of discussions held by the AABC and its steering committee over the past several years.

"The new Alliance will continue to fulfill the advocacy functions of the Asian American Baptist Caucus. In addition, according to the proposal, it will set ministry priorities to strengthen the effectiveness of local churches, select and support specific ABC mission projects, plan programs to meet the needs of local churches, partner with emerging Asian Baptist groups such as the Karen Baptist Churches in USA and the Chin Baptist Churches USA for cooperative ministries, and take other actions as appropriate.

"According to AABC President Rev. Kenneth Kho, 'The formation of the Alliance recognizes the significant and valuable membership of Asian American Baptist churches in the regions in which they are presently member churches. Their active participation in their respective regions serves not only to celebrate ABC's rich diversity but also to share in advancing the mission and ministry endeavors of the regions. However, God's vast work also calls us to labor and serve together as Asian

American Baptist churches to address local church challenges and mission opportunities that are unique to our different Asian cultures. The Alliance will enable and empower Asian American Baptist churches to engage in doing mission and ministry together across regional lines for the sake of the Gospel.’

“Under the proposal as adopted, AABC’s member churches are being invited to affiliate formally within the next two years with the Alliance for this new ministry opportunity, while maintaining their ABC regional affiliation. They are also being invited to provide input into the writing of policies and by-laws to make it possible for the Alliance to begin functioning officially at the 2013 ABC Biennial in Overland Park KS.

“AABC President-elect Rev. Marie Onwubuariri comments, ‘After 40 years of mission, the AABC is embarking on a new journey as our denomination also faces a new structure and new paradigms. It is an opportune time to recommit and reimagine partnership with ABC regions, ABHMS, IM, and other American Baptist agencies as we all seek and hope for renewal and transformation. May we all be prayerful and faithful in such an exciting time as this.’”

Note that after the vote to adopt the proposal to form the Alliance, it was acknowledged that many questions still remain to be answered about the formation of the Alliance. Caucus churches were therefore invited to submit questions by August 1st in order to assist Caucus leadership in drafting bylaws and policy documents for the Alliance. We hope to report on the progress of that process in the next issue of this newsletter.

MEET PRESIDENT-ELECT MARIE ONWUBUARIRI

Marie was born in Manila, Philippines, and immigrated to Queens NY

with her two older brothers and their mother Cora Pueblos when Marie was about 1½ years old, following her father who had immigrated a few months earlier. They found an American Baptist church in their neighborhood—the Elmhurst Baptist Church—and became members. Marie was baptized there and was an active member until she went to college at Binghamton University (State University of NY). After finishing her B.S. in Business Management, Marie moved back to Queens, worked primarily in the retail industry, and took some leadership roles at her home church.

After a period of discernment, Marie decided to move to Berkeley CA to attend the American Baptist Seminary of the West and pursue a Master in Divinity degree. While in seminary, she married Franklin Onwubuariri, who was born and raised in Nigeria and whom she met while he was living in the Dominican Republic. Marie and Franklin have been living, working, and ministering in the SF Bay Area now for 10 years. They have a daughter, Anaya, who will be soon turning 4, and a 7-month-old son, Sol. Marie currently serves as Director of Admissions for ABSW.

When asked what excited her about the Asian American Baptist Caucus and what her vision was for the organization, Marie responded, “I am passionate about cross-cultural ministry, so I am excited about the diversity of the Caucus and the challenges that come with that diversity, both within the Caucus and as its members relate to our denomination and the communities we serve. My vision is that the Caucus would continue to grow deeper in our fellowship and joint ministry with each other; that we continue to support and nurture current and future leaders; and that we identify and offer our special gifts as a Caucus/Alliance to the wider ABC family.”



Rev. Marie Onwubuariri and Rev. Woun Kim

MEET VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT WOUN KIM

Woun was born in Tokyo, Japan, to Yo An (John) and Jung Ae (Grace) Kim, both of whom were from Korea but were in Japan as Yo An was engaged in theological studies. Of his personal faith journey, Woun says, “I met Jesus when I was very young. I grew up in a Christian home, and I’m so grateful to my parents for raising me to know the Lord. Throughout my life God continued to reveal himself and I became increasingly convinced that I was called to serve him by becoming an ordained pastor. And that is exactly what I did, and I’m so happy that I made that choice. Now I serve at Japanese Baptist Church in Seattle as Minister of Outreach. I work with Burmese refugees in this area and also with the young adults in the church. I love my job.”

Asked what particular aspect of Caucus excited him, Woun said, “What interests me is money and education. I’m so glad that the vice-president is the Chair for the Scholarship Committee. I’m one of the pastors who have benefited from the Asian Caucus scholarship in the past. I know many people who want to attend seminary but cannot due to financial issues. When I hear their stories it breaks my heart to know money is a factor in preventing people from responding to God’s call. I’m glad that there is help, however, and I’ll use my skills

in technology and networking to spread the word about the financial assistance available for them.”

KAREN BAPTIST YOUTH CONFERENCE

In July, about 350 youth and their adult leaders took part in the Karen Baptist Youth Conference at Houghton College in Houghton NY. The event was jointly sponsored by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Karen Baptist Churches USA, Buffalo Karen Baptist Church, the Burma Refugees Task Force, and International Ministries. It included workshops, worship, and Bible study.



The ABHMS website summarized the event in these terms: “With its ‘Be a good example’ theme from I Timothy 4:11-12, the conference sought to foster Karen youth’s understanding of their history, culture and American Baptist faith so that they could gain the self-confidence necessary to live as good examples. The event also offered advice for adjusting to life in the United States and balancing Karen and American cultures.” Further details about the conference, including names of leaders and testimonials of youth participants, can be found at www.abhms.org by selecting the second box under the photo on site’s home page.



Rev. Saw Ler Htoo and Rev. Rothang Chhangte at the Karen Youth Conference

COURSES HELD FOR PASTORS FROM BURMA

During the youth conference described above, 30 ministerial leaders from Myanmar (Burma) took courses at Houghton College sponsored by ABHMS, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, the Burma Refugees Task Force and various regions of ABC/USA. **Rev. Dr. Ronald Carlson**, ABHMS Missional Church Strategist, offered a course in the “Missional Church.” **Dr. Eh Wah**, former Principal (President) and Professor of New Testament Studies of the Myanmar Institute of Theology, offered “New Testament Review.”

EAST COAST RETREAT

Asian church leaders and seminarians from Massachusetts planned a retreat at beautiful Camp Ashmere in Hinsdale MA for late August, to which they invited all Asian Caucus leaders from the East Coast. According to a delightful report about the event prepared by **Rev. Dr. Mar Imsong**, one uninvited guest crashed the party and also managed to keep others from coming: Hurricane Irene! Even so, the group of about 20 who did attend had a wonderful time together. Their Thursday



evening featured a barbecue, worship time, and board games. Friday included fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and volleyball—as well as an auction to raise money for the Asian Caucus Scholarship Fund. The day ended with music around a campfire. The event continued until Saturday noon with its theme of “fellowship, acquaintance, and spiritual strengthening.” Participants headed home at 1:00 p.m.—accompanied by Irene, who provided heavy rain for about 40 miles. Mar reported that everyone arrived home safely. You can request a full copy of Mar’s report by contacting our Communications Consultant at aita.paul@gmail.com.



LOOKING AHEAD: NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2012

Immerse, the 2012 National Gathering for American Baptist Youth will be held July 24th through 28th, in Washington DC, sponsored by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. According to the event’s website, youth are invited to

join with their peers from across the nation “for a weekend gather that is spiritual, missional, reflective, connective, experiential, . . . and fun!” The vision of the planners is that “*Immerse* will feature hands-on mission opportunities, daily small groups, creative worship experiences, exciting recreation time, and the opportunity to meet youth from across the country.”

To see a 1½-minute promotional video about *Immerse*, go online to <http://www.abhms-immersed2012.org/>. **Rev. Karen Yee** and **Jordan Wong**, both from New Life Fellowship in Castro Valley CA, are members of the planning team.

CHURCH FEATURES

San Francisco Churches: an update

In the last issue of this newsletter, it was reported that four Asian congregations that are members of Growing Healthy Churches (formerly known as ABC of the West) had received letters from Executive Minister Paul Borden notifying them of the decision by the GHC Board to sell the buildings which they had been renting from GHC. On Monday, July 25th, **Rev. Ben Chin** of 21st Avenue Baptist Church, **Rev. Yishey Latt** of First Burmese Baptist Church, **Rev. Gerald (Jerry) Mann** of Sunset Ministries, and lay leaders from their congregations met with Dr. Borden to share their concerns and ideas in light of the Board’s decision. As a result of this meeting, Dr. Borden indicated that he would be going back to the Board at its next meeting to recommend that they re-examine their decision in light of the presentations he had heard. Since this matter is a complex one deserving time to consider all the issues, Dr. Borden does not believe that further action will be made until sometime in 2012. “In that light,” he wrote, “I assured the pastors it will be business as usual until the

board has time to make a final decision in regard to these two properties.”

Jerry Mann writes, “We ask folks to continue to pray for this situation as we are no where near out of the woods on it as of yet. Also for the two upcoming board meetings that GHC will be having, although they won’t discuss this until the March meeting. Pray to for wisdom as the three churches in San Francisco regroup and draft new proposals.”

The fourth congregation, Indonesian American Community Church of Moraga, had previously come to the decision that it needed to find more suitable space for its ministry. On Sunday, August 7th, they had their first worship service in a new location in Pleasant Hill. They also have adopted a new name: Church of All Nations.



Rev. Beny Utomo, pastor of this congregation, writes, “God is good all the time! By the grace of God, the Church of All Nations (CAN) held its Grand Opening Service on August 21, 2011. About 170 people attended this event including **Rev. Dr. James Chuck**, **Rev. Katie Choy-Wong**, and **Rev. Nancy Smith** from American Baptist Churches. Thanks for your prayers. Please keep praying for our new journey to reach the nations for the Lord Jesus and the glory of God. Thanks.”



New Life Christian Fellowship, Castro Valley CA

Rev. Katie Choy-Wong writes, “New Life had 18 people attend the Biennial in Puerto Rico. There were 10 youth and 6 adults that did a mission project at Milagros de Amor Corporación in Caguas on Thursday, June 23rd. We helped with an outreach program to the homeless. We helped with the distribution of clothing, shoes, and food. We assisted people with haircuts, showers, and assisted a volunteer dentist. We escorted visitors through an art exhibit of a homeless artist. All with our limited Spanish!

“The next day, Friday, June 24, the youth lead worship and a fellowship time for the Asian American Baptist Caucus. Then the youth went to Youth Camp sponsored by the local churches and the adults attended the Biennial. Another highlight was seeing our youth and other ‘campers’ drum an opening song on Sunday night, July 25, at the Biennial.

“Youth participating in the Biennial were **Melissa Rathbun, Alex Bau, Jimmy He, Nathan Walsh, Jonathan Lee, Julian Domantay, Sabrina Li, Deja Domantay, Katie Leong, and Elizabeth Bau.** The adults were **Jordan Wong, Katharine Hsiao, Arthur Wong, Sandy Tangney, Rev. Karen Yee, Rev. Katie Choy-Wong, Rev. Augie Bau and Rev. Marie Onwubuariri.** Three youth who were going to come had to cancel at the last minute:

Derrick Wong, who had a job; **Jason Wong**, because of school; and **Xochitl Ramirez**, who broke her ankle a week before we were to leave. So we took the three with us by bringing along pictures of them and posed them at various places along our trip. Everyone had a good time and learned a lot. We were inspired by so many good speakers and the worship experiences.”



Chinese Christian Church and Center, Philadelphia PA

Rev. Dr. Ben Chan writes, “CCC&C is a living testimony to our gracious God who led countless men and women to bear witness to the Chinese community in Philadelphia.

“The first recorded baptism of a Chinese person in the Philadelphia area was in 1856. The ensuing decades saw a gradual emergence of Chinese Bible study groups and Sunday schools. On September 8, 1941, the door to the Chinese Christian Center, then at 1006 Race Street, was opened under Mitzie Mackenzie's leadership. In June 1942, the American Baptist Churches (USA), the Episcopal Church, the Evangelical and Reformed denomination (presently United Church of Christ), the United Methodist Church, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) untied in a concerted evangelical effort to form an

interdenominational Board of Directors for the purpose of supporting mission outreach among the Chinese. This led to the official incorporation of the Chinese Christian Church and Center in July 1946, together with the purchase of the current premises, at 10th and Spring Street, for a new church building. In early 1985, the congregation began to be self-supporting. It now joins effort with denominations and believers in Christian mission to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Christ.

“We thank Almighty God for His manifold blessings, and for the fruits of labor of His many faithful servants. We also thank all who share in the work and ministry today. As we look to the future, we are confident that God who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion until the coming of Christ Jesus.

“CCC&C currently has four congregations and worship services in three locations. They include a Cantonese service, an English service, a Mandarin service, and another Mandarin service targeting students and scholars from Mainland China. The church send 3-4 short-term mission teams each year serving in places like Alaska, Nicaragua, Brazil and China. The Center of the church has actively involved in social services and witnessing in Philadelphia Chinatown.”

Chinese Baptist Church, Seattle WA

In July, twenty-one members of Chinese Baptist Church (youth and adults) traveled to Anadarko OK for a youth mission trip. The CBC mission board supports the vision of **Herb Tsuchiya** (of CBC) and **Duke Tsoodle** (of First Apache Indian American Baptist Church and Oklahoma Indian Baptist Association) to equip both First Apache and CBC youth with leadership skills by bringing Vacation Bible School for 100 Apache, Kiowa, Creek, and Crow youth. They also provide Bible

studies, and Stephen Ministries care training for the adults. This was CBC’s fifth trip to Oklahoma.

CBC also has a devotion and exercise class for 20 to 30 adults, which meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the church gym. Twice a month, church volunteers cook and serve 175 to 200 meals to the homeless, working with an organization called The Lord’s Table. In February and July of each year, CBC sponsors Asian-Pacific Islander Blood/Marrow Drives, with about 80 donors. In April of each year, they collect money and food for the Union Gospel Mission, and in July they do likewise for the Emergency Feeding Program.

This year, CBC will host the Northwest’s 34th annual fundraiser for the Asian Caucus Scholarship Fund. Café 66:1 (“Make a joyful noise”), to be held on Sunday, October 23rd, at 3:00 p.m., will include praise worship, tea and dessert service, a program of music and testimonies, and an offering for the Ministerial Scholarship Fund.

Chinese Zion Baptist Church, Los Angeles CA

Rev. Ricky Lai writes, “Our Church has been going through some tough times this year. The tenant of the sheet metal shop owes the church more than a year’s back rent. The owner originally promised to move out by the end of 2010. However, when asked by the Board of Directors for a written statement of his intention to move, he refused to give one. It left the CZBC Board no other option than to bring in a lawyer to handle the matter. At the present time, we are waiting for a court day to settle this case. Toward the end of March, the LAUSD informed us that it would not be able to renew its lease with us due to budget cuts. Several days later the auto repair shop adjunct to our church was burned down.

Firemen cut the church iron gate, the side wooden door, and the ceiling of the sanctuary to ensure that the fire next door would not affect us.

“Amidst all the seemingly bad news, I still see God’s grace and presence:

“Thanks to our Lord, who led the firemen to extinguish the fire in time, preventing further damage to our church. The insurance company paid for the repairs—the ceiling in the sanctuary was repaired, the fence mended and painted, and we now have a new side door.

“The Church took up a charity offering for the victims of Japan’s earthquake and tsunami. The toddlers’ worship teachers and helpers held a bake sale to raise funds. They wrapped each cake and cookie beautifully, including a Bible verse tag. We had the opportunity to care for the needy.

“In May 14th, 7 people joined the march for peace in our community. While we were marching, a Mexican lady taught us a slogan in Spanish –‘Queremos paz!’ (*We want peace!*). Some people came up to us and asked if we were from the Chinese church on 33 Avenue. I also joined with several clergy praying for a man who was beaten unconscious after a baseball game. I see the march as a good occasion to unite our community.

“We had the opportunity to meet and help two refugee families from Myanmar. One family, in particular, is Christian, and was an encouragement to us in their faith.”

Japanese Baptist Church, Seattle WA

Japanese Baptist Church of Seattle engages in ministry with refugees from Burma in a variety of ways. Within the past year, fifteen adult Chins have become members of the church and another fifteen children also take part in church activities.

Rev. Woun Kim, who serves as the church’s Minister of Outreach, works

extensively with these families. During the school year, **Shawnda Fukano** teaches an English Language learners class for their adults during the Sunday School hour. **Rev. Dr. Paul Aita**, the church’s Senior Minister, offers a variety of pastoral services to two local congregations—one Karen and one Chin—who have no pastor of their own. Members of these and other churches for people from Burma often worship at JBC and provide special music there.



On Pentecost Sunday, June 12th, JBC’s worship service included the baptism of two Karen and six Chin youth, with delegations from their respective congregations in attendance. From Sunday, August 21st through Tuesday, the 23rd, Pastors Aita and Kim, assisted by **Htoo Htoo Po** of the Karen Community Church, led a retreat for ten young Karen and Chin men (ages 14-21) at Ocean Shores WA.



PEOPLE NEWS

ABC Recognition of Ordination of Chakravarthy Zadda

Rev. Chakravarthy Zadda was accepted as an ordained minister of American Baptist Churches/USA on Saturday, May 21st, at India Baptist Telugu Church of Greater Chicago. **Rev. Rajamani Gonu**, pastor of that church, presided over the ecumenical service, which included participants from Telegu churches representing various Christian traditions. **Rev. Dr. Larry Greenfield**, Executive Minister of ABC of Metro Chicago, delivered the Word of God and officially welcomed Rev. Chakravarthy into the ABC family. Other ABC pastors and leaders also participated.

Rev. Chakravarthy Zadda is a Baptist pastor from India, who responded to God's call to fulltime ministry after receiving his Masters degree in Electronics and Communications. He earned his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union Biblical Seminary in 1999 and was ordained by Samavesham of Telugu Baptist Churches that same year. He is currently working toward a Ph.D. degree in World Christianity and Mission at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.



Death of Marie Ho Lam

Rev. Marie Ho Lam, retired pastor of the Chinese Christian Church of Queens NY passed away on June 27, 2011. Marie was one of the few Chinese female pastors who served vigorously and endlessly and had earned high respect from many male pastors and other Christians within evangelical Chinese circles in New York City and Canada. She also had deep roots with the Swatow Baptists in China and in Hong Kong that have been related to International Ministries over the years.

Rev. Florence Li says, "Personally, she was my early mentor when I moved to NYC in 1990 and served at the Chinese Missionary Baptist Church and then at the Chinese Christian Church of Queens. Rev. Marie Ho Lam was well liked by ABC Metro NY and always well greeted by Rev. Stallings and former retired region Executive Minister, Rev. Flemister. She was actively involved in Asian Ministries led by Rev. Perla Belo and Asian Caucus activities under Dr. Paul Nagano, Dr. James Chuck, Rev. Charles Kwok, Rev. Charles Ho, etc."

PHOTO GALLERY

Some of the stories above are accompanied by photos. The following stories are told primarily through through the photos:



Above and below: Asian Ministries meeting in Los Angeles in April, with time for a meeting of the Asian Caucus



The following photos had been submitted by the First Chinese Baptist Church of San Francisco for use during in the video presentation at the Asian Caucus dinner in San Jose. Somehow they got lost in cyberspace, but were relocated in time for this newsletter!



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*Above and below:
Recent ordination of Noel Lahpai*



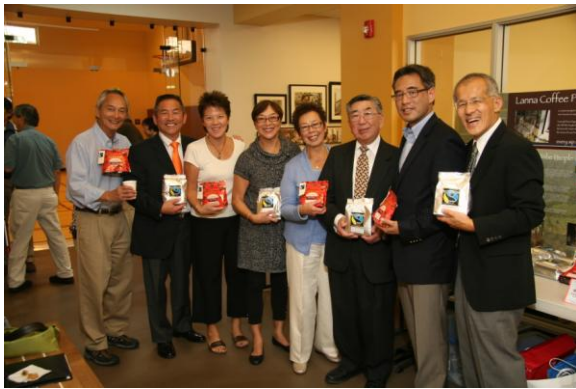
Pastor Don Ng preaching



Advent worship service



At the Food Bank



Lanna Coffee Project Committee

CAUCUS DIRECTORY

Rev. Florence Li's office has prepared a new Directory of Asian American Baptist churches. If you haven't received one but would like an electronic copy, you may request one from our Communications Consultant at aita.paul@gmail.com.

BACONE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

At our caucus meeting in San Juan, **Dr. Leroy Thompson** of Bacone College invited caucus members to encourage their young people to attend Bacone. In a letter to caucus President Kenneth Kho this summer, Dr. Thompson announced the availability of 10 full scholarships to Bacone for the 2011-12 school year. The scholarships are for students who are members of any of ABC's racial/ethnic caucuses. As part of the information he provided for this newsletter, Dr. Thompson wrote, "Please know that we will be enrolling students for a Mini-Mester (an 8-week program) in October. This intensive program will allow students to complete 12 full credits between October 1 and December 15. As fulltime students, they will qualify for Federal financial aid and the scholarships. We will also be offering this same scholarship for the Spring term with enrollment in January."

You may send e-mail to Dr. Thompson at thompsol@bacone.edu or call his office at 918/360-9694 for further information.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of this Asian Caucus e-mail newsletter is scheduled for publication and distribution on December 1st. Please submit your material to our Communications Consultant at aita.paul@gmail.com by November 1st. It's most helpful if articles are in attached Word files and if photos are sent as separate JPG files.