

5 Actions for Asian Congregations

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

1. **Bible Study Movement: Reading the Bible with New Eyes**

Through Jesus' eyes, stand with the people who are powerless, resource less or less fortunate. Look for messages from God in our present time within Asian context, multi-religions, multi-languages as well as multi-cultural backgrounds. Asian congregations study the Bible together.

2. **Asian Congregations Double Campaign**

Promote competition within each individual Asian congregation, each congregation set up her own goal to compete with herself. For example: 10% increase each year will become double in 7 years. There are 6 items to measure the performance of the congregation each year. Provide the prizes for the best performed congregation.

3. **Translation of PCUSA Curricula**

Recruit Asian members and pastors as volunteers to translate and proofread selected PCUSA curricula in order to encourage every Asian congregation to fully participate in PCUSA and to provide the first generation members convenient Sunday school materials or booklets.

4. **Build an Asian Congregational Network**

Designate a liaison person in each congregation. This person will serve as a bridge among the congregations and General Assembly office by utilizing email or any other effective means. He/ She will collect human and other resources and report the needs. Each congregation will be able to help and work with others.

5. **Emphasize on Youth Ministry**

The future of the Congregation relies on the work of youth today. We need to emphasize more on youth ministry. Collect a name list of the second generation pastors and pastor-to-be. They will be the best resource to develop our youth ministry. Encourage Asian youth to work together in local or regional area.

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Plan for Asian Leadership Training Program

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Subject: This program is aiming at training congregational leaders – to equip the leaders with theological knowledge and ministerial ability so that they will be able to participate in church administration and assist church pastors in ministerial works. This is an excellent opportunity for congregational members, elders, deacons, and clergy to review and study as continuing education.

Program layout :

1. Contents : Courses include Bible Interpretation, Reform Theology, Teaching in the Reform Tradition, Worship & Sacrament, Preaching, and Presbyterian Polity.
2. Each course contains five 3-hour classroom lectures and other seminars. Total 3 full days, starting from Thursday evening to Sunday Afternoon.
3. Participant has to attend all classes in order to receive the Certificate of Course Completion from Continuing Education Office of Princeton Theological Seminary.
4. The Presbytery of PCUSA may on its discretion admit the person who has successfully completed six courses as a Commissioned Ruling Elder to Particular Pastoral Service.

Language usage : Lecture is in English. Other language interpretation provided upon request.

Program promotion : This courses program will be held in turns by Biblical Theological Study Program and Leadership Training Program. In addition to the course offered along with the annual NTPC or NCPC conference, individual church or regional ministry is encouraged to hold a course. The GA office will gladly provide the instructor for the above course which is integrated into this training program. Meanwhile, anyone who is interested in the course is welcome to attend.

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