



Asian American and Pacific Islander United Methodist Clergywomen Association

"Sisterhood: Mary and Elizabeth"

Biennial Meeting Speakers and Workshop Presenters



Opening Worship Preacher

Rev. Mariellen Yoshino has been a missionary with GBGM's US-2 program and has served as a pastor of rural churches, youth director and deaf ministries director for mega-churches in the Kansas East Conference. For the last twenty years, she has been serving the California Nevada Conference as pastor of historically Japanese American UMC's in Palo Alto and San Jose, before becoming the District Superintendent of the Central Valley District. Her graduate degrees are from St. Paul School of Theology and the University of San Francisco. While living in the Bay Area, she enjoyed her six years as an adjunct faculty member of Pacific School of Religion. She has authored books about John Wesley and Joshua. She has also been a writer for the UMC and UCC curriculum and for the UMC Discipline.



Worship Leader

Rev. Amelita Grace G. Cajuat is an Elder in the Wisconsin Conference and the pastor of Salem UMC, WI. She is a native of the Philippines with a Masters in Divinity and Masters in Sacred Theology from Boston University. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in conducting from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Church Music from Scarritt Graduate College. She studied language, voice, and conducting in Italy. She is a church conductor, soloist, worship designer, and song leader, most recently for the Women's Division West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission in New Orleans, GCSRW Worship during the General Conference in Fort Worth, TX and for the Wisconsin Annual Conference (2003-2010). She was part of the task force of the General Board of Church and Society mandated to create the 2008 Social Creed,

She was also appointed by the Council of Bishops to the 2012 Hymnal Revisions Committee. From 1998 to 2002 Grace was Director of Choral and Orchestral Activities of the *St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Women's Chorus*, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, WI. She has also been the Director of Choral and Vocal Activities of the *Masterworks Chorale, College Choir, Chamber Singers*, Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, WV, and conductor of the *Smith College Choirs, Catholic Chapel Choir*, Northampton, MA. She is happily married to Chris E. Herigstad.



SPRC / Cabinet Workshop

Presenter: Rev. Youngsook Charlene Kang

Rev. Youngsook Charlene Kang is the DS of the Metropolitan District, Rocky Mountain Conference. She has served as Deputy General Secretary Mission Contexts & General Education for the General Board of Global Ministries. She served as pastor of Wheat Ridge UMC of Wesley, Colorado and First UMC of Golden, Colorado. As member of the Rocky Mountain Conf., she served on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and chaired the Ministerial Education Fund/Continuing Education. She also served as vice-president of the Iliff Board of Alumnae, and as a director of the GBGM from 1996-2000. She also served as president of the National Association of Korean-American Clergywomen of the UMC. She was elected clergy delegate to the 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008 General Conference. She has recently complete her

twelve year service as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Iliff School of Theology. Rev. Kang is married to Rev. Jin Ho Kang, also an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

This workshop focuses on how we as clergy can best relate and work with the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee and the appointive Cabinet of the Annual Conference as we are engaged in fulfilling God's mission and ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Recognizing the importance and complexity of the role of the SPRC, this workshop attempts to provide a clear understanding of the committee's unique responsibilities. The workshop also provides how best to relate to District Superintendent and Cabinet in terms of supervision, oversight, appointment and other related matters. Hands-on analysis and tools may include how to work with the SPRCs, staff members, and the Cabinet through role plays,



Cultural Sensitivity Part I
“Conversations at the Well” “Engage | Embrace | Equip”

Presenter: Rev. Sun Hee Kim

Rev. Sun Hee Kim is an Elder in the CAL-NEV Conference and a consultant for I-Relate who specializes in training and offering tools to promote intercultural competency and effective intercultural communication. She is also trained and certified as an administrator of the IDI (Intercultural Development Inventory). She is passionate about helping people to connect and to build relationship beyond cultural and racial differences.

Like Jesus’ interaction with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:4-10, 19-26, 28), this workshop will focus in the blessings of intercultural/cross-racial conversations that leave people forever changed. Using a combination of biblical exegesis and intercultural communication tools, participants will engage their own cultural foundations while embracing the cultural contexts of others in order to be equipped for higher levels of cross-cultural competency.



Clergy Self-Care

Presenter: Rev. Anne Lau Choy

Rev. Anne Lau Choy is an Elder in the California-Nevada Annual Conference. She is an American born Chinese and has served in various cross-cultural settings. She is now pastoring at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Fremont, CA. She is a trained Spiritual Director and has been called drawing closer to Jesus and helping others who desire to do so as well.

After caring for so many others, who cares for pastors?! Women are often caring for others and, as pastors, multi-tasking at high levels. But what about offering compassionate care to ourselves? It is easy to get consumed and distracted by the work and call of ministry till we lose sight of our love and joy for God and instead are stressed and burned out. Rev. Anne Lau Choy will help us look at what keeps us from living in that grace-filled space with God and how to allow more of God’s Spirit into our lives.



Shibashi Tai Chi Quigong for Health & Wellness

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Tapia

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth S. Tapia is a Filipina theologian and pastor who has been in the ministry for over 25 years. Born and raised in the Philippines, she was ordained deacon in the Ca-NV AC after finishing Master of Divinity at Pacific School of Religion. She earned her Ph.D. in Religion and Theology from Claremont Graduate University. She was elected to join the faculty of Bossey Ecumenical Institute (WCC, Switzerland) 2002-2005. In the last three years, she was appointed as the first Director of Drew University’s Center for Christianity in Global Context. Eliz is one of the clergywomen pioneers and Theologians in the Philippines and in Asia.

Originated from Asia (China and Japan), Shibashi is a set of 18 slow body movements that unifies body, mind and spirit. With very gentle and flowing body movements, this meditation cum exercise promotes good health, reduce stress, increase concentration, and invite us to be one with Mother Earth. Regular practice will enable us women leaders and ministers to be more focused, less anxious, peaceful, healthy and more ecologically connected. Ideal place to be is out in the garden, or being in a quiet and spacious place. It begins with “body and spirit are one” and ends with Indian word “Namaste” (I honor the Divine in you).



Ordination Process

Presenter: Rev. Dr. SungJa Lee Moon

Rev. Dr. SungJa Lee Moon is a Senior Pastor of the First UMC of Des Plaines, Illinois and an Elder of Northern Illinois Conference. She has served the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Northern Illinois Conference for ten years. She is the chair of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. She chairs the Advocacy Ministries Team of the Program Council of the North Illinois Conference. She is married to Rev. Soong-In Moon and they have two children.

This workshop provides a better understanding of the journey into ministry. There are many different ways to serve the church. Each individual who responds to God’s call into ministry should define the call and understand the requirements. The participants will learn about the ordination process set in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* and hear more options regarding full-time ministry.