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## MEET NEW FACES

Asian Americans are the fastest growing population in the United States. According to a new study from the Pew Research Center, Asians have surpassed Hispanics as the largest group of new immigrants in the United States. The total population of Asian Americans—both foreign and US born—is 18.2 million, or 5.8 percent of the total U.S. population, up from less than one percent in 1965.

## PARTNER IN MISSION FUND FOR KOREAN, ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER MINISTRIES



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## IMPACT LIVES

When we audaciously meet these new faces, engage in their communities, and equip their spiritual leaders, people and communities are able to live transformed lives and become disciples of Jesus Christ.





# SUPPORT MINISTRIES



The United Methodist Korean, Asian American & Pacific Islander Ministries are affiliated with the General Board of Discipleship (Discipleship Ministries). Discipleship Ministries has partnered with The United Methodist Church Foundation to serve God by encouraging stewardship as way of life and upholding the missions and ministries of The United Methodist Church in the world.

In fulfillment of this mission, Discipleship Ministries seeks to serve the church by offering you an opportunity to fulfill your stewardship goals beyond the local church. In partnership with the United Methodist Korean, Asian American & Pacific Islander Ministries, we seek to build Partner in Mission fund for future ministries through current and planned gifts.

Donated funds will be contributed in the following critical areas:

## 1 PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LEADERSHIP TRAININGS

Providing scholarships for the ethnic clergy and lay leaders of developing churches will enable their participation in training with organizations such as the National Leadership Conference for leaders of the Korean, Asian and Pacific Islander United Methodist Church, The Wesleyan Leadership Conference, School of Ministerial and Congregational Development, Leadership Trainings and Events, and others.

With your generous gift of \$200, an ethnic clergy person or a lay leader can register to attend one of these training opportunities; \$500 will cover the travel expenses for one participant.

Just as Jesus transformed a small group of followers to have an impact on the world, a well-trained and equipped disciple will have an impact on the church, the community, and the world. One of the participants in a recent training experience explains, “We were so full of spirit, energy, joy, and love to share our learning experiences to help our community and people all around the world.”

Through this fund, you will be a part of helping a group of ethnic leaders transform the world.

## 2 DEVELOPING KOREAN AND ASIAN-PACIFIC LANGUAGE RESOURCES

Developing resources that are practical and relevant for the local Korean and Asian-Pacific United Methodist churches and their ministry fields is a priority. We plan to publish resources in Asian and Pacific languages, which are requested by the Asian-Pacific United Methodist churches, to meet the increasing demand of Asian communities.

Among ten of the most common non-English languages spoken in the United States, there are four Asian languages—Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean—spoken in American homes, communities, and churches. Asian-Pacific language resources can create leverage for them to understand United Methodist Identity, participate in the ministry, support vital congregations, and lead to unity in diversity.

An additional budget of about \$5,000 is needed to cover the cost of the Korean Leadership Journal. About \$3,000 is needed for a translation project in the Asian-Pacific language; \$4,000 is needed for printing; and \$8,000 for publishing.

## 3 EQUIPPING ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN LEADERS

Currently, there are fifteen Asian-Pacific American ethnic groups in The United Methodist Church—Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Formosan, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Middle Easterners, Pakistani, South Asians, Vietnamese, Tongans, Samoans, and Fijians. There are many similarities among these ethnic groups, but there also are many differences due to the diversity in language, culture, history, and tradition. Although they have a common ground, each group is unique. The ethnic churches form and exist independently according to their language and ethnicity within the common boundary of The United Methodist Church.

Each ethnic group needs ethnic leaders who understand the unique needs of the group and have an ability to lead. Training the trainers events among racial ethnic groups is an effective way to help the ethnic leaders teach their groups and reach out to their own people more successfully and to actively participate in the joint ministry of The United Methodist Church.

Developing and training leaders for each ethnic group will provide authentic and effective leadership as well as a nurturing environment to raise the next generation of leaders.

A small donation of \$50 could cover a day’s meal for a training participant, and \$300 would sponsor a participant in a training event, allowing that individual to become an essential leader for his or her own ethnic group.

## 4 PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Since the roots of Asian-Pacific Americans originate from their homelands, their connection with their homelands continues. As Asian-Pacific Americans in the United States receive Christ and share the gospel with people in their homelands, mission–work partnerships with field missionaries and churches in the Asia-Pacific region will expand.

The Asia-Pacific region is one of the largest areas to provide a platform for leadership development and spiritual renewal through training and workshops, conferencing, and networking.

To meet this great challenge, Partner in Mission is not only ministering to the needs of the local ethnic community but also serving the missional purpose of world-changing disciples to share the good news in partnership with the language ministry with multiethnic communities in the Asia-Pacific region for planting and developing global ministries.

A gift of \$20 could support a future leader attending a training session in the Asia-Pacific region; \$100 could sponsor a local college student and/or seminarian to join in mission work; \$6,000 would support the hosting of a training event in the region.

Through the Partner in Mission fund, mission projects will be planned, leaders will be trained, and resources will be provided.