



# ANNUAL REPORT JULY 2019-JUNE 2020

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# CAUCUS COORDINATOR REPORT

## KATHARINE BAU HSIAO



2020 has truly been an exciting year for the AAABC and I am privileged to have the honor to serve as Caucus Coordinator. In this capacity, I work with others in the denomination, including the InterCaucus, the Office of General Secretary and many others. This year, we started up two Task Forces to address important issues:

The Anti-Asian American Racism Task Force: Ever since COVID-19 emerged, anti-Asian American racism has been on the rise throughout the country. In March, we issued a

[Statement of Concern Regarding COVID-19 Pandemic and the Anti-Asian Racism](#). We then formed a Task Force (Rev. Katie-Choy-Wong, Sandra Lee (as AAABC Coordinator), Rev. Dr. Gerald Mann, Rev. Dr. Donald Ng, David Sein-Lwin (as AAABC Coordinator), and Rev. Dr. Tim Tseng). The group held two listening sessions for the Alliance in order to learn, support and hear from our constituency about this issue, and contacted American Baptist national boards and regions to request support and action. Several Task Members later joined the Office of General Secretary's Task Force on Anti-Racism. In the summer, the NorCal Region led the effort to seek funding for anti-racism awareness training for West Coast Asian American churches and leaders; if funded this effort will be led by Rev. Amelia Chua and Rev. Katie Choy-Wong.

The Young Adult Task Force: This group was formed in early summer to brainstorm ways to encourage and nurture young adults in the Alliance constituency. Rev. Dr. Tim Tseng, Rev. Melanie Mar Chow, Rev. Janna Louie, Rev. Michele Turek, Rev. Katie-Choy-Wong, Sandra Lee (as AAABC Coordinator), Rev. Dr. Gerald Mann, Rev. Dr. Donald Ng, and David Sein-Lwin (as AAABC Coordinator) took part. The group first held focus groups to prioritize young adult needs, culminating in a workshop at the August 1st Asian Leaders and Development with a training focused on young adult needs led by Rev. Melanie Mar Chow with Justin Thang and William DeLeon. More recently, the Task Force is seeking grant funds to begin a project to ignite a young adult movement amongst Asian American Baptists. The project would start on the West Coast but hopes to include all of the constituency in the near future.

In addition to the Task Forces, it has been my pleasure to meet with representatives of OGS, ABHMS and BIM regarding the Chestnut Street Baptist Fund. In the near future, churches and leaders will be able to apply for grant funds to expand and enhance Asian American ministries, particularly ministries related to Pennsylvania.

# RECORDS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR REPORT

REV. MICHELE TUREK



Unorthodox as this year has been for all of us, we look to the Lord in praise and thanks for His many blessings, just as we look to the Lord in hope and lament as we mourn the loss of loved ones in our communities, the loss of jobs and businesses, and the huge chasm in our county by way of race and politics. What more can we do but to remain faithful to the call God has given to all of us; and what more can we say but, “Come, Lord Jesus”?

I have been encouraged by the resilience of the people of God. In our midst, we have tenacious leaders who long to be faithful even when traditional means of doing ministry are largely unavailable. We have lay leaders and congregants who reach out in creative ways to care for one another and their communities. It is my hope that we can look to God and to each other to put one foot in front of the other as we continue in this season.

This past year, I have continued in producing the AAABC’s quarterly newsletter while keeping our Facebook page active and website updated. I have also developed many fliers in partnership with other coordinators for the Asian Leaders Training on July 31-August 1, 2020, and the mission opportunities coming up with IM and Rev. Dr. Louis Ao. With the pivot to online formats, I am happy to share my experience and knowledge about large Zoom gatherings from my ministry with InterVarsity. The art of breakout rooms and coordinating screen share has nested itself in my toolbox. I also worked on developing a new logo for the Alliance with a local artist friend of mine, Terra Lynch. We will be voting on the new logo at the Convocation.

Though this is my last year serving as the Records & Communications Coordinator for the Alliance, I have been invited by the leadership to stay on as a Communications Consultant. If this is approved by you, the Constituency, then I will still be available to help with the maintaining and development of Alliance communications. Regardless, I will not be a stranger to our community. I am so grateful for the many prayers, the mentoring, the opportunities to serve, and the relationships that have come with my time as a coordinator. Thank you all for the chance to serve the Kingdom of God in this way.

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# ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR REPORT

REV. DR. MAR IMSONG



It started with toilet paper disappearing off shelves, and now, months after the COVID-19 pandemic first hit American shores, it seems as though we are living in some apocalyptic movie. Today, October 12, 2020, we have 7.79 million cases and 215k died in the US alone. New words have entered our normal conversations: makeshift hospitals, lock down, social distancing, testing, contact tracing, vaccine, work from home, Zoom, stay-cation, PPE, ventilator, laying off, depression, grief, uproar in racism, 2020 election in the midst of Pandemic, mail in ballot, etc. There are some big storms that we are facing: not only the Coronavirus but also Racism Virus, Election Virus, and Political Virus that are affecting not only the people and society but Christian Churches and devout Asian American Christians. People are experiencing anxiety, depression, isolation, insomnia, insecurity, distrust, hopelessness, anger, loneliness, and despair.

In times such as this, when the world is whirling around with all kinds of noise and news and is filled with fear, death, and insecurity, and loud and confusing voices are coming from our leaders, the Alliance turns and listens to the gentle whisper that is the voice of God. The Alliance leadership has made it a priority to allow God to guide us in what we do. The leadership of the Alliance is inviting all the Asian American Baptist churches to listen to the voice of God during this pandemic and find out what is the new assignment we have from God. Let us welcome

God's voice of assurance of His presence, direction, and wisdom. Let us always remember that God is a personal God. God is not far away but God is with us right here where you are. God does not need to shout but will gently whisper to you with clear directions and assurance that you are God's child loved by God. God is love; love yourself, love your neighbor and love God.

The Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches quickly adopted new ways of delivering its ministry. We cancelled all in-person meetings in 2020, including the Coordinator Retreats and the Annual Convocation. Thankfully, the pandemic provided opportunities for us to meet monthly virtually to pray for each other and

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prioritize the work of the Alliance not only among the Leadership Council, but with the Regional and Language Liaisons and Burmese diaspora leaders, too. The Alliance successfully delivered thought-provoking and relevant workshops as Phase 1 of our Annual Convocation on July 31 and August 1 and another Zoom event for Change Makers on September 24. Thank you to our partner, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and especially to Rev. Florence Li, for your great work in implementing the events.

I would like to personally thank the leadership of the Alliance, the Leadership Council, and Language and Regional Liaisons, and leaders of the Burmese diaspora for your support, hard work and promotion of the work of God through the Alliance. I especially would like to thank Rev. Michele Turek who has served for four years as our Records and Communication Coordinator and Minister Sandra Lee for two years as Congregational Resourcing Coordinator with dedication and hard work. We will miss them dearly in 2021. I feel so privileged to work with a great team of people who takes their role seriously and puts out their best effort for the Alliance. This new normal has been challenging for me personally, but I thank the team for your continuous support and the love extended to me.

I would like to invite all the Asian American Baptist Churches and the leaders to become a member of the AAABC. Despite our distinctives there is so much we have in common. We can do so much more for a common ministry and mission when we are together. All you need to do is pay \$25 of annual individual memberships and/or \$100 for your local church to become a corporate member. We need your voice; we need your active participation to make our Alliance an effective platform to do ministry here in the US. God's blessing to you all.

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## From Our Ministry Partner Rev. Rothangliani Chhange, ABHMS

I would like to highlight the OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing) COVID grants announcement as there are several Asian American churches or churches and organizations led by Asian Americans who were recipients of the OGHS COVID Recovery grant from ABHMS. They are:

1. New Life Christian Fellowship, Castro Valley, CA
2. Zo Christian Church, Logansport, Ind.- Mang Lian Hau, pastor
3. Stelton Baptist Church, Edison, N.J. - Louis Ao, pastor
4. Bethel Neighborhood Center, Kansas City, Kan. – Mang Sonna, Executive Director
5. Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries, Lexington, Mass. – Mar Imsong, Executive Director
6. Chinese Christian Church and Center, Philadelphia, PA- Chengzong Liu, Ministerial Team Chair
7. Philadelphia Burmese Baptist Church, PA –LaSeng Degrin, pastor
8. Milwaukee (Wis.) Myanmar Christian Church -May May Latt, Interim Minister

# LEADERSHIP SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

DAVID SEIN-LWIN



## HIGHLIGHTS

I am thankful to God for giving me the privilege to serve in this role. This being my first year, I spent the first few months getting to know the team members and learning how the Alliance structure works.

The experienced Council leaders were very helpful in mentoring and encouraging me to get on board quickly. Working with the Regional and Language Group Liaisons has been a pleasure also; they were instrumental in reaching out to share all of our events information to their respective member churches. I had the opportunity to know a few key Burma Diaspora leaders, but much effort is needed to build closer relationships.

I was on the planning committee to help our team write the Palmer grant proposal and helped promote to the local Burmese community in the Bay Area to seek their support. I was also on the Young Adult Task Force to help contribute ideas.

I had two opportunities to work with Rev. Florence Li at the ABHMS sponsored Leadership workshops. The first was on June 27, co-hosting the “Burma Diaspora Leadership Training”. And the second was on August 22, co-hosting “In the Wake of Covid-19 & Ministry of Reconciliation” and co-presenting the “Church Budget”.

## GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR

Along with the Regional and Language Group Liaisons, I plan to reach out and build more relationships with the pastors and leaders of the Asian American Baptist churches as well as leaders of Burma Diaspora. I hope to contribute in the areas of implementing projects which we anticipate beginning of next year if/when we receive some grants. I’m also looking forward to participating in the collaboration effort with other ABC partner organizations.

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# CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING COORDINATOR REPORT

## MINISTER SANDRA LEE



The job description of the Congregational Resourcing Coordinator includes, but is not limited to, raising support for the Seminarian Scholarship Fund. While we hope to also assist our churches with other types of resources, this scholarship fund has been a key mission for the former Asian Caucus, now Asian Alliance. Our goal was to take part in supporting those who have a calling to Asian American Baptist Church ministry as they pursue their first seminary degree.

In 2019 at our Asian Alliance meeting in Richmond, VA, we were able to both ask for an offering to support our Asian Alliance Seminarian Scholarship Fund and acknowledge those who were the scholarship recipients, past and present. In 2020, while we have already had some wonderful Asian Alliance meetings and workshops on Zoom, we have not been able to have our regular in-person meetings to fundraise and recognize recipients.

If we were meeting in person this year, I would ask those of you had received scholarships in the past to stand, so everyone who could see how many Asian church leaders we have helped to support over the years. In the past, the Caucus raised enough money to provide scholarships to more than five scholars in their MDiv or MTh studies in a single year. Some years we had enough extra funds to give money to doctoral students, as well. This year with COVID-19 and my new job, I have to apologize for being late in sending out the scholarship applications and appealing for donations. So, I am making these two requests now.



First, if you are a member of an Asian American Baptist church, and currently enrolled in a graduate seminary program for a first degree, and need financial support, **please email me for a scholarship application.**

Second, if you are a past Asian Caucus/Asian Alliance scholarship recipient, or if your pastor or fellow church member has been an Asian Caucus/Alliance scholarship recipient, or if you wish to help support the development of future leaders and pastors for our churches, **please make a generous donation to the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches** (details below).

We need to raise at least \$5,000, to be able to give scholarships this year to five MDiv/MTh students like we have in the past. We had over 90 people sign up for our recent “Change Makers” Zoom gathering with speakers/leaders Yosh Nakagawa, Rev. Katie Choy-Wong, and Rev. Ken Fong. Both Rev. Katie and Rev. Ken are past scholarship recipients. Yosh’s church, Japanese Baptist in Seattle, has been one of the Pacific Northwest churches that used to hold annual fundraising dinners for Asian Caucus. They, along with Chinese Baptist Church in Seattle, raised thousands of dollars over the years.

Please consider donating \$50, \$100 or more if you are able. With our current COVID-19 pandemic, many are limited financially. As our meetings are online this year, you have not had to spend funds on travel or hotel to participate in our Asian Alliance meetings, so we would ask you to prayerfully give.

We never know where God will lead our future leaders. You will be helping to support our future local church, regional, and national staff leaders. It was not that long ago that Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri was an MDiv student at the American Baptist Seminary of the West, now known as the Berkeley School of Theology. Now she will be moving from the Wisconsin Region, to King of Prussia, PA to serve in the ABCUSA Office of the General Secretary as the new Associate General Secretary for Mission Resource Development. Your investment into our community’s future leaders has and will continue to produce fruit.

As a past scholarship recipient, I thank you in advance for prayerfully and joyfully giving to our Seminarians Scholarship Fund.

Please make checks out to “Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches” with “Seminarian Scholarship” written in the memo. Mail to:



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# MISSIONS COORDINATOR REPORT

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I am pleased to report that our missions team meet several times during the year to make plans for next year mission projects. Lord willing, we first have arranged a young adult mission trip to Thailand in the month of July 13-23, 2021 in partnership with International Ministries. It is a ten-day Discovery Trip to know more about the ministry of global servants and ministry partners' work in Chang Mai.

Another plan is short term mission work in any part of the world where International Ministries is serving. We will collaborate this effort with the help from the West Virginia Baptist Convention for training the short-term missionaries starting from January via Zoom. Fliers for each mission opportunity are available on our [website](#).

In our home mission ministries, we are working with the unreached people group from Buthan and Nepal in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It is a new church start-up that needs a lot of support to establish this church. Right now the pastor Amber Ghale is enrolled in The certificate in Ministry and Leadership program offered by New York Theological Seminary.

As per the [JD Payne](#), the first unreached people group country is India 1514 (UPGs), the second is China 337 (UPGs) and the third country is the United States=282 (UGPs). We need to open our spiritual eyes and ears and listen to God's calling to reach out to all the unreached people's groups in the states and proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God. One very tangible way for us to engage in mission is to pray for them and financially support our mission work both in our country the United States and around the world.

A unique way to engage in global missions during this COVID pandemic is through teaching English as Second Language and tutorials for immigrant children via Zoom. If you are interested please let us know.

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# REGIONAL REPORTS

## East Coast Region

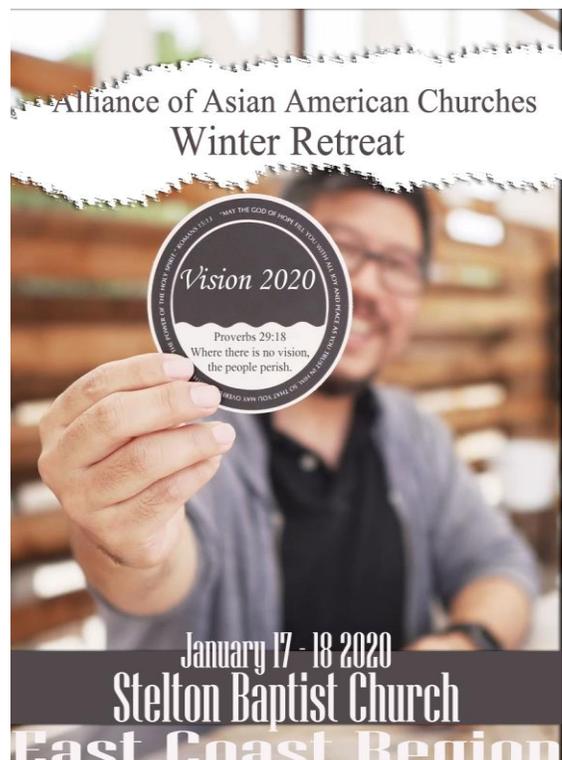
Submitted by Rev. Sung An, East Coast Liaison



Our winter retreat, Vision 2020, was a great success! The retreat became a reality with the help of our East Coast leaders: Mangyang Imsong, Randy Palada, Hojin Yu, Louis Ao, and Mia Chang with Florence Li (ABHMS) with a generous grant to help make the event happen. We built up several programs, speakers, etc. Rev. Mia suggested we should not say, "Why don't younger generations come to church?" What we should DO is reach out to the younger generations. It was a simple thing but was a great mind set for all of us. We tried to find out what each church could do with what they had.

Within a short 24 hours, we had worship, learning, fellowship, and eating. We set the speakers and praise teams for each session, and also found young speakers who could bring up younger generations' perspectives; how to reach them, what kind of music do they like, and how the positive church experiences impacted their lives. People from several states came with passion. For some, it was a whole new thing. There were many new faces I never met before. We greeted each other with warm hearts. Each session was great.

Rev. Florence Li opened up with passion and excitement for the New Year. Vision 2020 was not a just slogan but a real thing we needed. In the youth panel discussion, the four precious young followers of Jesus talked about how hard it was for them to keep the faith in this postmodern world. They had sung not only contemporary songs but also traditional hymns. They tried to reach out to their friends using all tools. Rev. Mia fired us up with an encouraging message. She showed us where we were and where we are heading. She stressed what to do for the emerging generation and how to reach the unchurched people with different way in this modern society. It was a great challenge for all of us.



The final lesson was given by Rev. Louis. He taught us cross-cultural leadership and how to manage money. His message was simple and clear: that since we were living in the melting pot society or mosaic-like world, we

needed to accept different cultures and manners, and the Church must have desire to reach out to people of all backgrounds. It reminded me of what Paul did to win people as many as possible (1 Corinthians 9:19-23). He also presented on the wisdom on good money management. How to save and how to spend as God's steward is the key for the lesson. Pray that it helped people who were struggling with money.

After all the sessions were done, we felt that it was too short. We needed more time to know each other and to learn from others' experiences. Our time was cut short by an incoming snowstorm. There was no time to say a proper farewell.

In such a short time, God put a seed in our heart; seed of revival, seed of mission and seed of harvesting the younger people. I prayed that God would bring more people, especially young people, to the meeting next year! My prayer for the next year's meeting can't come true due to the COVID-19 outbreak. No more in-person meeting for a while but only meetings via Internet. It's a whole different situation and it's a new way no one ever experienced. But I still strongly believe that God will make a way where there seems to be no way. Many blessing to all of you and hope to see you again!

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## Midwest Region

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Ashley N. Phaipi, Midwest Liaison



My name is Rev. Nengsuanthang Phaipi (EDMin) A full-time Pastor at Chicago Zomi Bethel Church also associate Minister at First Baptist Church of Chicago, IL. Originally from Manipur in Northeast India.

Since 2019, I serve as Midwest Liaison, Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches USA and from mid of 2020 I join the Equipping Clergy Committee member with ABC Metro Chicago. With the Liaison responsibilities basically, I do reach out through email and forwarding important emails as needed. After COVID-19 Pandemic for the first time on June 8, 2020 we had our Midwest Regional virtual zoom meeting, which was a meaningful meeting. In addition, as needed I could reach out through phone calls. Looking forward to having our send virtual zoom meeting before the end of this year. Well, if I will be continually serving as Liaison for the coming year 2021, I hope we will continue focusing on being more connected with Ministers and Leaders in any means like having Quarterly Virtual Zoom Meeting and if possible physically meeting would be also nice too.

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## Northern California Region

Rev. Dr. Gerald Mann, NorCal Liaison



For over forty years, Rev. Dr. Gerald Mann and his late wife Carol have been involved in discipleship, teaching and evangelism ministries. He had served as a youth minister, teacher, pastor, and counselor. A noted radio and retreat speaker, Gerald holds both an M. Div and D. Min from Fuller Seminary in Pasadena California. He also is an adjunct professor for Fuller Theological Seminary and Eastern University and former Dean of

Fellowship Bible Institute and College of Theology and Urban Studies. He has sat on the Executive Committee for the National Network of Youth Ministries, and Bridgemont High School and has authored several bible studies and booklets. He has received awards for mentoring, youth leadership, and for various youth programs. Gerald is currently the senior pastor of Sunset Ministries in San Francisco, CA.

Gerald accepted the invitation to be the Northern California Region Liaison earlier this year. We have been happy to have him on the leadership team.

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## Southern California Region

Submitted by Rev. Samuel & Myriam Cardinal, Southern California Liaisons



Myriam and I have been serving about three years at the Filipino American Christian Church of Long Beach. The 42-year-old church has grown into an elderly population since my father, Pastor Delfin Cardinal and the late Justa Cardinal help plant the church in 1978. We have been married for 27 years with 4 kids from 15 to 23 years old.

I have recently asked to join the AAABC as a liaison for the Los Angeles area. My wife and I are like two peas in a pod and so we serve together in this new position. We have just barely gotten our feet wet. For now we have used emails to connect with the Asian pastors in the American Baptist group to connect them to the happenings of the AAABC.

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## Pacific Northwest Region

Submitted by Angeline Lau, PNW Liaison



I accepted the role in April 2020, and being newer to the Pacific Northwest area and to ABC in general, getting involved with the Alliance has been a blessing to see the Lord at a work, mobilizing, connecting, and providing for our faith communities in the midst of this pandemic. The resilience and adaptability of the body of Christ has been inspiring! Many of our churches have quickly adapted with livestreaming their services on Facebook and YouTube, or holding Bible studies and meetings via Zoom and other online spaces.

- Seattle Chin Baptist Church had to postpone the ordination service and celebration of Rev. Ramhei Cin when the shelter-in-place was first set in place in March. Instead on August 2<sup>nd</sup> they were able to hold a socially-distanced and Facebook live service that as already be viewed and celebrated by more than 3,600 views and counting.
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- Chinese Baptist already had livestreaming in place prior to shelter-in-place and were able to utilize the time with the doors closed to update and renovate their facility. They were able to return for in-person worship September 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Japanese Baptist developed a podcast, JBC Connect, to bring an Asian Christian voice to the challenges happening in the world. Along with their livestreamed services, JBC also developed a new ministry, Boost, to assist and empower members in bridge the technical divide to reconnect the community.
  - Karen Community Church of Greater Seattle did not let the pandemic hinder their worship! On September 20<sup>th</sup> they celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of life-changing ministry. They still participated in the annual Run/Walk for Relief for Burma in August, hold livestreamed services, zoom youth bible studies, and lift up the name of the Lord.
  - Washington Chin Baptist Church has utilized this time to steward their gifts and create worship videos which can be viewed on their Facebook Page and YouTube. Their talented youth group will also be releasing a DVD/CD album or worship soon!
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Continue to keep our churches and pastors in prayer as we navigate this unprecedented year with the grace, wisdom and love of the Lord. I look forward to the day and season that we can all gather together, share, and celebrate how the Lord has continue to reveal and guide us during this time.

# LANGUAGE GROUP REPORTS

## Korean Language Group

Submitted by Rev. David HoJin Yu, Korean Language Liaison



The Korean Language group has been going through a great challenge due to COVID-19, however, we persevered through encouragement, prayer, email, and phone calls.

On December 2, 2019, we held the ABCNJ Korean Pastor's Family Annual Worship and Fellowship at Keom Ho Jung Restaurant in Edison, NJ. At the service, we had our Executive Minister and Senior Regional Pastor, Rev. Miriam Méndez, providing us with an inspirational Christmas message and ABCNJ Associate Regional Pastor, Rev. Dr. Carol Patterson, joining us to give words of encouragement and greetings. We had a wonderful time of praising, worship, sharing, and fellowship.



One of my goals is gathering all the Korean Pastors and their families for a retreat for 2021. The purpose of this retreat will be to recover, relax, and rekindle. Due to COVID-19, we have been feeling stressed and disconnected from one another. I hope this will allow them to have a time of healing and stress free.

Another goal is the 2021 Korea Mission Trip in August. The goal of the trip is to provide a platform for American Baptists to learn about Christianity in Korea, and involve in mission in Korea. The delegation will have a chance to be able to visit historical and cultural sites and churches, and via direct interaction with Korean leaders, youth, and churches. The target audience will be adult and youth in American Baptist Churches of New Jersey and the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches promoted by American Baptist International Ministries. The youth and adult groups will be split up into two groups.

It has been my privilege to serve the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches. I am looking forward to continuing to serve as the Korean Language Liaison.

## OTHER LANGUAGE GROUP LIAISONS

### Burmese

Clifford Htwe Maung

### Chin (Hakka)

Rollin Van Bik

### Karen

Aye Aye Thaw

Unfilled: Filipino, Telugu,  
Chin (Falam)

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

## SUBMITTED BY JEAN DIESTO, COMMITTEE SECRETARY

As per the Article IV of the bylaws of the Asian American Baptist Churches, 2020 Nominating Committee was formed with the initiative of Mar Imsong, Administrative Coordinator of the AAABC. The Following Committee Members were appointed:

1. Rev. Hojin Yu Chair of the Nominating Committee
2. Ms. Jean Diesto Secretary
3. Rev. Clifford Maung Member
4. Rev. Lone Lazum Member\*
5. Rev. Florene Li, Ex-officio
6. David Sein-Lein, Ex-Officio
7. Mar Imsong, Ex-Officio

\*Recuse from the Committee after being considered for nomination for one of the Coordinator positions in Committee meeting on September 11, 2020.

The committee was asked to find candidates for the Record and Communication, Finance and Memberships and Congregational Resourcing Coordinators. After nationwide search and interviews the following candidates are nominated to fill the three vacant positions of the AAABC Council of Coordinators:

1. Finance and Memberships: Rev. Gerald Mann
2. Congregational Resourcing: Rev. Lone Lazum
3. Record and Communication: Rev. Yaliang Zhao



# FINANCIAL BUDGET 2020-2021

AAABC BUDGET 2021 and ACTUALS for 2020				
	Actual for Year 2019	Actual As Of 9/30/2020	Budget Year 2020	Proposed Budget Year 2021
<b>Income</b>				
<b>2000 · Donations from Churches/Regions</b>				
2001 · Donation from Language Groups	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
2002 · Donation from Regional Caucus	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
2003 · Donation from Local Churches	0.00	625.00	1,000.00	8,000.00
2004 Local Church Memberships	908.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
2005 · Donations from Churches/Regions - Other				
<b>Total 2000 · Donations from Churches/Regions</b>	<b>908.00</b>	<b>625.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>
<b>2100 · Donation from Individuals</b>				
2101 · Individual Donors	515.00	0.00	500.00	1,000.00
2102 Individual Membership	1,474.00	100.00	800.00	1,000.00
2103 · Student Memberships	0.00	0.00	20.00	200.00
<b>Total 2100 · Donation from Individuals</b>	<b>1,989.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1,320.00</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
<b>2200 · Seminarian Scholarships</b>				
2201 · Fund Raising			100.00	
2202 · Convocation Offering	0.00	0.00	100.00	500.00
2203 · Individual Donors	150.00	1,550.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
2204 · Local Church Donation	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Total 2200 · Seminarian Scholarships</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>1,550.00</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>2300 · Programs</b>				
2301 · Convocation Registration	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
2302 · Women Conference/Retreat	925.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
2303 · Seminars/Workshops	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
<b>Total 2300 · Programs</b>	<b>925.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>2400 · Grants</b>				
2401 · ABHMS				
2019: Manual/Communications; 2020:EastCoast	3,000.00	1,200.00		
Young Adult (Nov20- Nov 21); confirmed			2,000.00	5,000.00
Palmer Grant - racism (2 yr)(Nov20 - Nov 22):applied		0.00	0.00	7,500.00
2402 · OGS				
2408 OGS Chestnut St: nat'l gathering \$(will apply 11/20 for 2021)	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
2402 · OGS - Caucus	8,000.00	3,200.00	6,400.00	6,400.00
<b>Total 2400 · Grants</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>	<b>8,400.00</b>	<b>23,900.00</b>
<b>2500 · Major Gifts</b>				
2501 · Individual Donor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2503 · Corporate/Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 2500 · Major Gifts</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
2600 · Interest Income	23.00	7.05	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,995.00</b>	<b>6,682.00</b>	<b>12,920.00</b>	<b>41,600.00</b>

	Actual for Year 2019	Actual As Of 9/30/2020	Budget Year 2020	Proposed Budget Year 2021
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,995.00</b>	<b>6,682.00</b>	<b>12,920.00</b>	<b>41,600.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>3000 • Operating Expenses</b>				
3001 • Stationery	0.00	0.00	100.00	200.00
3002 • Postage/Mailing	33.00	0.00	100.00	200.00
3003 • Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
3004 • Bank Fees	0.00	10.00	100.00	0.00
3005 • Marketing/Promo/Flyer	72.00	27.00	100.00	300.00
3006 • Annual Review/Audit	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
<b>Total 3000 • Operating Expenses</b>	<b>105.00</b>	<b>37.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>3100 • Council of Coordinators</b>				
3101 • Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3102 • Travel for Retreats/Air/Mileage	1,443.00	0.00	750.00	1,500.00
3103 • Annual Retreat Hotel	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
3104 • Incidentals/Food/etc	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
<b>Total 3100 • Council of Coordinators</b>	<b>1,643.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
<b>3200 • Conferences</b>				
3201 • Annual Convocation Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
3202 • Travel Subsidy Convocation	3,350.00	0.00	1,300.00	5,000.00
3203 • Annual Convocation Incidentals	1,280.00	0.00	250.00	1,000.00
3204 • AAABC Ministry Excellent Award	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
3205 • ABC Biennial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3206 • Workshops honorariums/ expenses	0.00	400.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
3207 Conference - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
<b>Total 3200 • Conferences</b>	<b>4,630.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>2,550.00</b>	<b>7,600.00</b>
<b>3250 • Coordinators, Regional/Language</b>				
3251 • Travels/Airfare/Mileage	2,395.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,800.00
3252 • Hotel/Lodging	93.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
3253 • Food/Incidentals	450.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
3250 Language Gatherings	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Regional Gatherings (incl. EastCoast grant 2020)	900.00	1,800.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Total 3250 • Coordinators, Regional/Language</b>	<b>3,838.00</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>5,200.00</b>
<b>3300 • Seminarian Scholarship</b>				
3301 • Recipient #1	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
3302 • Recipient #2	0.00	0.00		1,000.00
3303 • Recipient #3	0.00	0.00		1,000.00
<b>Total 3300 • Seminarian Scholarship</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>3400 • Publications</b>				
3401 • Annual Report	0.00	0.00	50.00	200.00
3402 AAABC Manual, Communications	3,000.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
3403 Resource Guideline	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
3404 Publications - Other Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
<b>Total 3400 • Publications</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>

	Actual for Year 2019	Actual As Of 9/30/2020	Budget Year 2020	Proposed Budget Year 2021
3500 · Fund Raising				
3501 · Marketing/Promo/Flyers	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
3502 · Food	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3503 · Grant Writing Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
3506 Fundraising - Other Expense	0.00	0.00	170.00	1,900.00
<b>Total 3500 · Fund Raising</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>170.00</b>	<b>3,100.00</b>
3600 PROGRAM EXPENSES				
Women in Ministry				
Chestnut Street Project				5,000.00
3601 Young Adult Grant - West Coast	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	5,250.00
3602 Anti Racism North Cal & Pacific Northwest	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,750.00
<b>Total 3600 Program Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>
3700 · Payroll/Consultant Expenses		0.00	0.00	
Communications Consultant				1,200.00
<b>Total Payroll/Consultant Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,216.00</b>	<b>3,737.00</b>	<b>12,920.00</b>	<b>41,600.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,779.00</b>	<b>2,945.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>



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10/12/20  
Cash Basis

**Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of October 12, 2020

	Oct 12, 20
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Tri-County Bank Checking	44,132.03
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	44,132.03
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	44,132.03
Other Assets	
1100 · ABF Held Funds at FMV	
1120 · ABF Held Fund - Paul Nagano	1,602.21
1130 · ABF Held Fund - K.Choy-Wong	898.64
<b>Total 1100 · ABF Held Funds at FMV</b>	2,500.85
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	2,500.85
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>46,632.88</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
1200 · Funds	
1205 · Scholarship Fund	678.75
1210 · Women's Conference	1,168.08
1215 · East Coast Retreat	-41.20
1220 · Leadership Conference	15.00
1230 · Passthrough Funds to ABC Christian Comm. Credit Union	16,715.35
<b>Total 1230 · Passthrough Funds to ABC</b>	16,715.35
1235 · Palmer Grant 2013	1,953.71
<b>Total 1200 · Funds</b>	20,489.69
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	20,489.69
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	20,489.69
Long Term Liabilities	
1300 · Equity in ABF Held Funds at FMV	
1320 · ABF Held Fund- Paul Nagano	1,602.21
1330 · ABF Held Fund - Katie Choy-Wong	898.64
<b>Total 1300 · Equity in ABF Held Funds at FMV</b>	2,500.85
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	2,500.85
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	22,990.54
Equity	
Operating Fund	17,343.53
32000 · Net Income Operating Fund	2,053.76
Net Income	4,245.05
<b>Total Equity</b>	23,642.34
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>46,632.88</b>

# STATEMENT OF CONCERN REGARDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE ANTI-ASIAN RACISM

We, the Leadership Council of Coordinators of the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches, a group of American Baptist clergy and lay leaders representing Asian American Baptists in the American Baptist Churches/USA hold our community and nation and world in our daily prayers, and wish to express our position concerning events surrounding the pandemic of COVID-19:

1. Along with all our brothers and sisters, we recognize the enormity of the impact of COVID-19. We express our deepest care and desire for healing for individuals who are suffering from the invidious disease, for safety of those who are at-risk and vulnerable, and for the continued health of all essential workers. We pray for the doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, medical workers, environmental services staff, first responders, and all front-line essential workers. We urge everyone to take the highest levels of precaution possible to protect yourselves, all of those around you, and the strangers you may encounter. In Christ, we are to love all our neighbors and we can best do so by maintaining healthy practices.
2. We recognize that the fear and insecurity caused by the pandemic have led many persons to racialize the disease and revert to biased, vengeful, and discriminatory acts against Asian Americans - a practice that is unchristian and unacceptable. The recent rise of this practice is ill-considered and brings to mind historical precedents in the U.S. against Asian Americans, including the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the incarceration of those of Japanese descent in World War II, and discrimination against Asian Americans during various wars (the Korean War, Vietnam War, etc.). Terms such as “Chinese virus” or “Wuhan virus” are inappropriate insofar as they lead to scapegoating and the targeting of Asian American businesses and individuals (the World Health Organization has long advised against using geographic terms to name illnesses to prevent such backlash).<sup>1</sup> In the last several weeks alone, more than a thousand incidents of harassment, verbal and physical violence have been documented, with many more remaining uncounted. These acts polarize and divide us and are a direct contradiction of the command of Jesus to “love one another.” We condemn such xenophobia in the strongest possible terms.
3. We recognize that nurses, doctors, respiratory therapists, and other health professionals are on the front lines of COVID-19 care, including many within our Asian American and greater American Baptist family. In this they are modelling the life of Jesus in giving sacrificial care to patients in need, and we express our gratitude for their gifts and pray for their safety. We call upon public and private sectors to use every means possible to provide them with appropriate personal protection and medical equipment, and for widespread testing as needed in this time of crisis.
4. We recognize that the measures taken to prevent disease transmission, including lockdown orders in many states, are having an enormous economic impact on businesses, families, and individuals. Many of the hardest hit are immigrants and refugees, low-income workers, the elderly, those with pre-existing medical conditions, those with mental health challenges, those imprisoned, and victims of violence. We call upon churches, individuals, and governments of every level to provide assistance to all who are facing food and economic insecurity.
5. We call upon all of our brothers and sisters of all racial/ethnic backgrounds, to unite with us in publicly condemning this rise of racism and xenophobia in every way possible. We urge our national and local American Baptist leaders to join us and to speak out against all acts of discrimination and violence - from the pulpit, the pew, and all other possible venues. We urge individuals who experience these acts to

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<sup>1</sup> See “The ‘Chinese Flu’ is Part of a Long History of Racializing Disease,” Citylab, March 17, 2020. Available [online](#).

share them with organizations collecting incident reports.<sup>2</sup> We also urge *all* clergy and lay leaders to join us in [signing](#) the “Statement on Anti-Asian Racism in the Time of COVID-19” produced by the Asian American Christian Collaborative.

We are thankful for the Word of God, which states: “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28 NIV).”

Signed,

Katharine Hsiao  
*Caucus Coordinator | President*

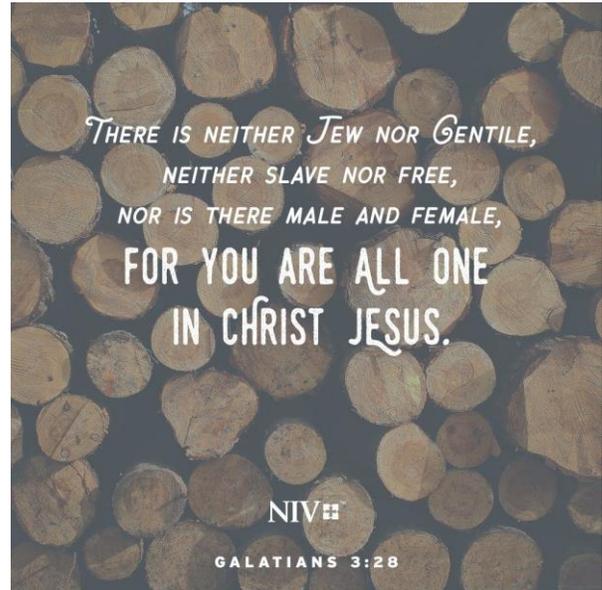
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*Administration Coordinator*

Sandra Lee  
*Congregational Resourcing Coordinator*

David Sein-Lwin  
*Leadership Support and Development Coordinator*

Louis Ao  
*Missions Coordinator*



<sup>2</sup> To provide incident reports of acts of harassment and discrimination go to [www.a3pcon.org/stopaapihate](http://www.a3pcon.org/stopaapihate). For a wealth of resources on this topic go to [www.asianamericanchristiancollaborative.com](http://www.asianamericanchristiancollaborative.com).

# REPORTS FROM OUR PARTNERS



## American Baptist International Ministries

REV. LESLIE TURLEY

Area Director for Southeast Asia and Japan



Greetings! As we are living a new paradigm due to a virus which has changed our world and our way of doing things, I am clinging to the words of Isaiah 43:19, “Behold,

*I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it?*

*I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.”* From my home office, I am becoming aware of how God is doing new things in our world. As we are in the midst of all the challenges which seem unsurmountable around us, I am seeing how God is doing new things to further his kingdom.

My last trip to Asia was in November and at that time, I visited our global servants and partners in Malaysia (to visit Sabah Theological Seminary and Aaron and Valerie Osterbrock), and Thailand (Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, and



*This photo of Northern Vietnam was taken by one of our IM development workers.*

Bangkok to visit Kyle and Katrina Williams, Kim Brown, Kit Ripley, Jeni Pedzinski, and Annie and Jeff Dieselberg) and I went on a vision trip to Vietnam with newly endorsed global servants Joseph and Amy Vo. I had three trips to Malaysia, Thailand, Japan and Vietnam planned for the spring, but because of COVID, I was unable to travel. I am not sure when travel will resume, but I am learning new things about how to continue relationships which are not face to face. I am learning how to communicate through Zoom, Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp and other platforms, and I am spending more time with my precious family as I am learning to be more thankful. I

am seeing that God is still calling and sending because in addition to the Vo family, we have two other couples endorsed for service: Yuree and Eric Lembke (work with refugees on the Thailand/Myanmar border) and Aaron and Amy Trout (work in Mindanao, Philippines in discipleship and evangelism). I see that God is still working through planning of mission trips (Short-term mission to Thailand and a mission mentorship program through the AAABC) and God is sending short term missionaries to virtually serve and assist in ministry overseas.

So, with these things and many others, I can see that God is doing new things to continue the work of His kingdom! Thank you for your partnership!!



## American Baptist International Ministries

REV. BENJAMIN CHAN

Area Director for East and South Asia



I do not need to explain about the impact of COVID-19 over the world. International Ministries (IM) staff started to work from home since March and it will extend to at least the end of 2020. I have canceled all my domestic and international trips. IM has either canceled or turned our major events like the World Mission Conference into virtual meeting. I recognized this impact pretty early and have started using phone call, email, WhatsApp, QQ, WeChat, and Zoom conference very intensively keeping the connection with partners of my area.

I started helping the COVID relief fund-raising and the provision of protective overalls and masks to China since late January. We formed working groups to provide COVID education and relief to other countries of my area



*Read more about COVID relief & recovery in East and Southern Asia [here](#).*

since February. I have monitored the COVID update and encourage mutual support via chat groups. I have mobilized my network especially the Asia Pacific Forum, the Life Transformation Foundation, my church the Chinese Christian Church and Center in Philadelphia and various relief organizations towards this effort. Our work is highly recognized by the Nanjing-based Amity Foundation, the Shanghai-based China Christian Council and Three Self Patriotic

Movement. Our Indian networks have developed 24 hours prayer rally, Joint Baptist Worship, India Baptist Herald weekly newsletter, and coordinated COVID relief which are highly recognized by IM and non-IM partner Baptist conventions and churches in India. This effort has reinforced the common vision to form an All India Baptist organization, which when formed, will represent more than 5 million Baptist members and it will become the largest Protestant organization in India.

I formed a work team to visit Mongolia and finalize partnership agreement this year. Unfortunately, the trip was canceled as well. I have stayed in touch with the two SIM missionaries (one is a missionary of IM related Garo Baptist Convention) and potential partners of the country. We are able to provide COVID relief to the Real Hope

Church. We continue to work on the plan to bring an IM team to lead training and ministry consultation in 2021. I welcome those who are interested in mission Mongolia to join us.

I have sent update and my assessment of the Hong Kong situation to IM colleagues, Asia Pacific Forum, and selected network members. On the US side, I have paid special attention to our relations with the Philadelphia Baptist Association and you, the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches. I have reported the above work in regular [Facebook](#) postings, IM journals, [mission update reports](#), and quarterly Area Highlights.

I am very glad that our Global Consultants and Coordinators team has expanded to 15 members. These seasoned missionaries, whom I can hero and “shero”, provide very good insight and ministry skills sharing. Please visit the [IM homepage](#) to seek them out and invite them to visit your church.

I am glad that I have a new administrative assistant [Patricia M. Contreras](#). Please contact Paty if you need information or assistance related to my area. Four Asian/ Asian Americans have become missionaries of my area. David Sagar, long-term

active member of the Alliance, has become IM Associate Missionary promoting India relation, especially with Telugu churches. Wati Longchar has become the regional missionary for theological education in my area. Wati is a well-known theologian and has strong connections with WCC and the Foundation for Theological Education in SE Asia. Lanu and Alemla, who are members of the first Naga Church in India, have become IM International associate missionaries helping Banjara pastoral training and church development in South India. There are quite a number of missionary opening in my area. I am happy to work with you to identify good missionary candidates from the Alliance.

Lastly, I want to thank the Alliance officers for spending time with Leslie Turley and me to develop ways to achieve closer partnership. We already started some good work like internship program and Thailand STM in 2021. We are very interested in your idea of promoting IM missionaries of Asian descent, and rallying Asian American Baptist churches to support them. [Click here](#) for the directory of IM Asian/ Asian American missionaries (aka global servants.)



*Find out more about the impact of Pastor Peggy Yeung's ministry in Hong Kong [here](#).*

## Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB)



REV. AUGIE BAU

MMBB representative for Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington



MMBB provides retirement and other benefits for staff of churches. Basically, MMBB has **four key advantages**.

1. **HISTORY** | We are a nonprofit Christian organization serving churches since 1911 (over a century of service). Part of our proud legacy is providing benefits for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his family.

2. **STABILITY** | We have over \$2.5 billion in assets under management. Since

we have a generous endowment fund, we do not charge any commissions and our services are free for churches and Christian nonprofit organizations.

3. **SAVINGS** | The IRS allows us to declare distributions in retirement as housing allowance for ministers. This is a HUGE tax savings for ministers which most secular plans cannot offer.

4. **SERVICE** | We specialize in retirement benefits for the staff of churches and non profit organizations. Also, we offer comprehensive financial planning for all of our members.

MMBB offers three main options. More detailed information is available at <https://plans.mmbb.org/>.

1. We offer a Comprehensive Plan which includes retirement, disability and life insurance. This is our most popular option for full time pastors. The employer contribution is 16% of compensation (cash salary and housing allowance) for ABC churches.

2. We also offer a Retirement Only Plan. The minimum employer contribution is only \$50 per month. This is an excellent way to get started in our 403(b) retirement plan.

3. Finally, we offer a Member Contribution Plan. Employees can contribute to the retirement plan through payroll deduction. The minimum is only \$50 per month.

We recognize that churches are struggling financially and otherwise during COVID-19. MMBB has some financial assistance available for pastors during this stressful time. For questions about MMBB and to enroll in the MMBB plans, please contact the Rev. Augie Bau at 917-209-9911 or [Augie.Bau@mmbb.org](mailto:Augie.Bau@mmbb.org). Augie has been working with the Asian churches in the ABC since 1990.

## American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)

REV. FLORENCE LI

National Coordinator for Asian Ministries, Intercultural Ministries



By now, the word “unprecedented” (not done or experience before) has been heard numerous times over the news and on the pulpit. I am going to use it here and put a new twist of meaning to it. I call the “unprecedented” time in 2020 is the “new normal” where we are taking our past ministerial practice, configuring it with an adaptive approach to a changed environment of ministry. Locking in fear and anxiety during the pandemic, people have gone beyond their four walls, driven to virtual worship with an adapted change of creativity. Finding God through social media and connecting one another, 2020 is the year of the “new normal”.



As in a Chinese saying, the word “crisis” means “danger” and “opportunity”. We are being tested as if we have to decide between food and medicine, to pay rent or not to pay rent. In all the happenings, I am convinced there is a “lesson learned”. We learned God is beyond our four walls. God is with us while we lived through tragedy and in despair. We learned to be resilient! We learned of God’s “hope”. It is God’s hope that turn danger into opportunity!

Though we cannot predict when the pandemic will be over, we have already adapted a new normal of ministry which sustain our road ahead. We had utilized the virtual event for a few leadership trainings and developments for both the Asian and Burmese Ministries. They were:

### Asian Ministries

- Podcast with Tim Tseng & Katharine Hsiao on Racism – April 16
- Listening Session on Racism – May 15
- Asian Leaders Training & Development – July 31- August 1; August 22.
- Change Makers – Stories of the Past and Present for Tomorrow – September 24
- Asian Alliance Convocation – October 24
- From Advent to Emmanuel – December 5

### Burmese Ministries

- Clergy Benefit & Tax Filing & Grant Writing– May 23; Repeat – June 11;
- Repeat in Karen – June 13

- Christian Education – June 27
- Karen Leadership Training – July 11
- Karen Sunday School & Women Leadership – July 18
- Church Budget – August 22
- Karen Women for Christ bible study – August 29; October 3; November 7; December 5

In various trainings and touch points with pastoral and lay leaders including our young adult leaders, the following needs are recognized:

- Pastors needed support and resources to do ministry.
- Pastors and lay leaders left with resources, connectedness, relation building at new level.
- Pastors and lay leader voices were heard and that they were not alone.
- Need more resources to develop Asian Ministries, time to cultivate relationship, strategy to guide future direction.
- Pastors and lay leaders related to ABHMS and understand the overall mission goals, especially the three focus areas: Cultivating Leaders, Discipleship, Healing & Transforming Ministries.
- Virtual events have created new opportunity for people to connect, to build community that is less confined by geographical boundary. It has brought participants together with common concerns and goals.
- Pastors and even lay leaders were exhausted by the impact of coronavirus.
- Pastors and lay leaders need spiritual care and self-care.
- Provide tools and resources to leaders deal with daily issues relevant to ministry.
- User friendly ministrelife platform for information sharing, storytelling and postings.



In 2021 and beyond, I look forward of many opportunities in leadership development, church health, clergy discernment, partnership, collaboration and alignment ministries. There will be numerous programs roll out from ABHMS that engage with internal and external partners.

My gratitude go out to the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches, Karen Baptist Churches USA; Chin Baptist Churches USA; Kachin Baptist Churches USA, Kachin American Baptist Association, Chin Baptist Association in North America, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Japanese Evangelical Mission Societies/Asian American Christian Fellowship, Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity and Massachusetts Baptist

Multi-Cultural Ministries. Your partnership and support have made Asian Ministries one of the most vibrant ministries in the life of the church.

### ABHMS Missiological Priority

1. Identifying, cultivating, supporting and connecting innovators, creators and leaders
2. Supporting and exploring Christian faith formation from infancy throughout adulthood
3. Creating opportunities for collaborative action regarding societal trends and missional issues including various expressions of what it means to be the Body of Christ
4. Partnering with and equipping persons with tools of leadership, social action, public witness, and advocacy to address the fears and systemic injustices that are generated by the increasing diversity in our nation.

Partnering with others to foster a movement to eradicate all forms of racism, which provides a space for education and intercultural engagement, while modeling a healthy environment that exemplifies diversity and inclusivity.

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## Directory of Asian/Asian American International Ministries Global Servants Serving Overseas

Last Name	First Name(s)	Service Country	IM Profile Link
	Marc & Ngoc*	Indochina	
Ahn	Jihee*	Japan	
Baggao	Melanie*	Lebanon	
Coats	Aphiwan* & Scott	Myanmar, Thailand	
Hwang	Gordon* & Lee Ann*	Japan	
Jamir	Lanu* & Alemla*	India	
Lembke	Eric & Yuree*	Thailand	
Longchar	Wati*	India	
Longkumer	Katie & Taku*	India	
Mann	Becky* & Mike	Thailand	
Nambu	Jonathan* & Thelma*	Philippines	
Parajon	David & Laura*	Nicaragua	
Po	Marlene*	Southeast Asia & Japan	
Sagar	David*	India/US	
Stockton	Jae*	Mexico	
Tomita	Shigemi*	Japan	
Vo	Amy* & Joseph*	Vietnam	
Wu	Emerson* & Ivy*	Taiwan	

As of August 31, 2020

\*Indicates Asian/Asian American ethnicity

Contact [Benjamin Chan](#) (AD of East and South Asia), [Leslie Turley](#) (AD of Japan and SE Asian), or Rev. Dr. [Rodney Ragwan](#) (Director of Mission Mobilization) for more information.