

BGM EC Item 17
Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches

We at the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches (AAABC/Asian Caucus) are so very thankful to God to be a part of the family of ABC-USA. The OGS Caucus moneys helped bring us into existence more than 50 years ago and continue to help us function and move forward. Here is a brief summary of activities:

Coordinators and Liaisons: The Caucus funds help us with the work of gathering the Coordinators and Liaisons and administrative costs. We have seven co-equal coordinators in the areas of Administration, Caucus, Membership/Treasurer, Congregational Resources, Leadership Development, Missions, and Communications. We also have Language and Regional (AAABC has five regions). This year we met by Zoom, and gathered at the Annual Meeting in Kansas City in June.

Annual Gathering: After 39 months, we were finally able to gather our constituency in Kansas City after the Space for Grace meeting, September 24th. We had 46 gather in-person, and additional individuals on Zoom, for a total of 54. We also partnered with ABHMS Asian Ministries for a final farewell gathering and substantive training on June 24th. For this event, many individuals gathered at various local sites and joined by Zoom.

Representation: We continue to advocate for Asian American representation on National and Regional staff and boards as well as affiliated organizations. This year, we were happy to hear that Evergreen Region hired Rev. Samuel Kim, and that ABHMS added to its Asian American staff in key positions. We also assisted BGM with potential Board member names. Finally, we are encouraging the Berkeley School of Theology to consider a dream of an Asian American Center, helping to raise up Asian American leaders of the next generations. Advocacy for representation is a key value around which the Caucus was created, and we are happy to see that the denomination continues to value our voices.

Programs: Our various programs (all of which are short-term grant funded) continue, including Asian American Women in Ministry Committee, Anti-Asian American Racism Task Force, Young Adult Task Force, and the Missions Committee. We may start a new short-term group on Missiology in the near future.

We are thankful for all of God's blessings.

In Christ,

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