

## LEGISLATIVE SECTION 1

### ASIAN COUNCIL

#### Inday Day, Chair

101. The Asian Council met at the Student Center for its annual breakfast fellowship during the 2008 New York Annual Conference 209<sup>th</sup> Session at Hofstra University. It has become a tradition to share news and concerns on what is happening to our churches and with our lives as we continue our various ministries.
102. Regular participants of this gathering are clergy and laity Chinese Americans, Filipino Americans, Japanese Americans, South Asian Americans and Korean Americans. Most Asian American clergy, including some Korean Americans, have cross cultural/cross racial appointments.
103. This year, Rev. Gunshik Shim, Korean American clergy, finishes his term as District Superintendent of Long Island West, and a new DS of the district, appointed by Bishop Park, is the Rev. Kenny K. Yi of Plainview UMC.
104. The Asian American community was alarmed at the killing of a Latino man in Long Island by a young group of mostly white persons. The Board of Church and Society of the annual conference planned an event in Patchogue, calling for an end of this kind of violence. The event is also connected to immigration issues.
105. The Asian Americans of NYAC are active contributors to the life of the Conference and are willing and enthusiastic partners in the programs and mission and vision of NYA.C.
106. In December 2008, Bishop Park and family, invited over a hundred leaders of NYAC and related heads of organizations, to a Christmas Dinner, hosted by the Flushing Korean United Methodist Church. The senior pastor, Rev. Joong Urn Kim, and his wife, Ae Soon, were such gracious hosts, serving wonderful Korean food and also gave each guest some gifts to take home. A wonderful evening of fellowship that ended with a beautiful closing Christmas service was enjoyed by all.
107. The Asian Council will continue to meet each year but it also hopes to do a more programmatic agenda in the future, if not this year. Communicating by e-mail has been the only way we get in touch. We don't have a budget but hopefully, we can discuss on future program plans. The Koreans and Chinese have their own councils so they are doing programmatic events with their constituencies.

- 108.** Appreciation to the following for their faithfulness in coming to the breakfast fellowship. Clergy: Taka Ishii, Mel Kawakami, Roxanna Yuen, Moshing Yuen, James Law, Jin Kim, Kyongnak Kim, Avelio de Leon, Ferdinand Serra, Jacob Dharmaraj, Snehlata Patel, Iwy Patel Yatri, Kun Sam Cho,. Jin Choi, Hea Young Park. Laity: Arthur Ng, Stella Law, Jaewon Kim, Mr. Yatri, Inday Day, Sophia Lee Jedzinak and other laity and clergy I may have omitted to mention here.
- 109.** May God always bless and guide us as we continue to do our ministry based on love, hope, justice and peace.

## **COOPERATIVE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION**

### **Sharon Noisette Jenkins 2007-2008 Dean**

- 101.** The theme for the 2008 Cooperative School of Christian Mission was “Living the Sacred: Sharing God’s Land with Love.” During the weekend of July 24-27, 2008 approximately 300 adults, youth, children and study leaders gathered on the West Side Campus of Western Connecticut State University in Danbury CT to expand their understanding of ways in which to promote peace and unity during these unsettled times. Rev. Joseph Ewoodsie officially opened the school on Thursday morning. We were honored to, once again, to have Bishop Jeremiah Park with us. This year, Bishop Park spent Saturday evening and Sunday on the campus.
- 102.** The studies for the 2008 school were: “I Believe in Jesus”, “Israel and Palestine”, and “Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival” (2008-2009). The studies were facilitated by a stellar team of study leaders in English, Korean and Spanish.
- 103.** Our days began and ended with prayer and praise. On the first evening, we had a revival service. The preacher of the evening was the Rev. Dr. Allen Pinckney, Pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church in the Village of Harlem, City of New York. He challenged us to “Take the Name of Jesus with you” as we began our journey at the school.
- 104.** The spiritual growth study was “I Believe in Jesus”. We learned that to believe in Jesus is to love as God loves and to live as Christ lived, by freeing the oppressed, healing the sick and wounded, clothing the naked and welcoming all. The study leaders were Renata Smith, Rev. Albert Hahn and Rev. Yong Bo Lee (Korean Language). The study was taught for 2 hours each morning to the entire body. One of the highlights of the study was the prayer quilt. All participants of the school were asked to contribute “prayer patches” to the quilt, which was sewn together by Renata Smith and

assistants. One of the quilts was displayed at the Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women in October 2008.

105. The general study was "Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival. Native American traditions teach us that creation includes all that comes from God and all that comes from the heart and mind of God is sacred. The study leaders were Joan Cordani, Inday Day, Sydney Soliz (Mashpee Nation) Rev. Dr. Robert Knebel, Rev. Dr. Sang H. Lee (Missionary Hopi Nation [Korean Language]), Rev. Sonia Jermin (Spanish Language).
106. The geographical study was "Israel and Palestine". God has given humanity the gift of life and relationship. Too often barriers are erected between people and lands, and actions that violate the sacredness of life prevent us from reaching peaceful accord. The study leaders were Rev. Bryan T. Hooper, Rev. Dr. Emmanuel V. Acquah-Harrison, Rev. Jessica L. Anschutz, Rev. Dr. Magaly Beltre (Spanish Language).
107. The youth study leaders were Rev. Dr. Beverly M.A. Morris, Paul Smith (Assistant), Elsie Young, Rev. Glenn Adone (Assistant).
108. John DelCueto was the director of music and worship leader.
109. The *Saturday Sampler* was offered for a second time. Once again, all three of the studies were offered during the course of the day. The facilitators were Laura Veatch (Israel and Palestine); Beverly Peck Risi ("I Believe in Jesus"); and Dr. Elizabeth "Thunderbird" Haile (Shinnecock Nation), ("Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival"). We again held the Mission Fair, which featured displays prepared by the UMW conference and district mission coordinators. Rev. Ewoodsie spent time with us as Missionary in Residence.
110. The 2008 Cooperative School of Christian Mission Planning Team: Dean, Sharon Noisette Jenkins; Assistant Dean, Beverly Peck Risi; Secretary, Sonya N. Johnson; Business Manager, Dianne Adone; Registrar, Douglas Nicholson; Regional School Representative, Yolanda Evelyn; UMW Representatives: Deborah C. Jenkins, President; Susan Kim, Vice President; Ethel Scott, Secretary; Carmen Hamilton, Treasurer; Chair, Committee on Nominations, Sung Hea Rhim; Spiritual Growth, Joan Cordani; Jae Won Kim, Coordinator, Education & Interpretation; Patricia Knebel, Coordinator, Membership, Nurture & Outreach; Doris Richter, Secretary, Program Resources; Social Action (Vacant); Communications, Yolanda Evelyn; Conference Representatives: Rebecca Adejei-Ofori, Regina Adusei, Ghanian Language Coordinators; Lija Kim, Ohyeun Lee, Korean Language Coordinators; Edda Reyes, Spanish Language Coordinator; United Methodist Men, Albert Cooks; Cabinet, Rev. Ann Pearson; District Representatives:

Connecticut, Beverley Nepaul; New York/Connecticut (Vacant); Catskill Hudson, Patricia Wager; Long Island East, Dianne Adone; Long Island West, Laura Veatch; Metropolitan, Ritinella Pyne; At Large, Albert Cooks, Rev. Joseph Ewoodsie, Sonya N. Johnson.

111. The 2009 Cooperative School of Christian Mission will be held at Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT. from July 23-25, 2009. The studies are: "Food and Faith"; "Sudan"; "Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival."

### **HISPANIC AMERICAN COUNCIL CONCILIO HISPANOAMERICANO – 2008/09 REPORT**

**Marco A. Medrano, President Concilio Hispanoamericano**

During last year we continued working in unity as a Council to reach our goals.

The events and activities were the following over 2008/early 2009:

January	19	Planning meeting of the Executive Committee at Iglesia Metodista Unida Grace
	31	Meeting with the Conference Treasurer, Ernest Swiggett, at the Conference center
February	13	Lenten service at Iglesia Metodista Unida Grace
	20	Lenten service at Iglesia Metodista Unida Immanuel & First Spanish
March	5	Lenten service at Iglesia Metodista Unida Corona
	8	Annual meeting of the Hispanic American Council at Broadway Temple
	12	Lenten service at Iglesia Metodista Unida La Resurreccion
April	18-20	Lay Speakers training, endorsed by the Conference, done through the Hispanic Theological School
May	24	Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council
June	13	Dinner of the Council at Annual Conference at Annual Conference we had a display table and distributed printed information in Spanish and English about El Interprete, The National Plan for Hispanic Ministries, Hispanic Methodist Family Camp, Fund Raising Concert Dinner to provide scholarships for youth and children to attend camp. We also had pictures displayed of the different events of the Council.
	28	Dinner Concert to raise funds for the children and youth to go to camp.
August	14-17	MARCHA (Methodist National Hispanic American Caucus) Annual Meeting of which we are members
	29-Sep 1	United Methodist Hispanic Family Camp
October	19	Lait Sunday Celebration at Iglesia Metodista Unida Immanuel & First Spanish

- December 13 We participated in a march demanding the just treatment of Immigrants in prison.
- January 4, '09 Celebration of Three Kings Day by Hispanic United Methodist Women, held at Iglesia Metodista Unida Grace
- 26 Planning session for the Annual Meeting of the Council, and the Lenten Weekly services to be held at a different church each week
- 31 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council at Iglesia Metodista Unida Grace
- March 7 Annual Meeting of the Hispanic American Council, at this meeting the following OFFICERS were elected:

- Chair ..... Rev. Magaly Beltre
- Vice Chair ..... Mr. Augusto Reyes
- Secretary ..... Mrs. Gladis I. Lobato
- Treasurer ..... Mrs. Nora Medrano
- Finance Chair ..... Mr. Oliverio Barrera
- Advisor ..... Rev. Dr. Luisa C. Martinez-Buck
- Communications ..... Rev. Hector Rivera
- Nominations ..... Rev. Arturo Maine, Chair  
 Rev. Dr. Alicia Fils-Aime Wentler, Vice Chair  
 Mrs. Miriam Canaan, Lay Member  
 Mrs. Karina Feliz, Lay Member  
 Conference Consultant
- On Hispanic Ministries ..... Rev. Arturo Maine, Ex-officio
- Theological School Director ..... Rev. Hector Laporta  
 (elected by the School board)
- United Methodist Women ..... Mrs. Daisy Taveras
- United Methodist Men ..... Mr. Simon James
- UM Youth Coordinator ..... Mrs. Karina Feliz
- Cantico Nuevo Choir Chair ..... Mrs. Alfida Figueroa
- WORK AREAS:
- Age and Family Life ..... Mr. Marco A. Medrano
- Family Camp Coordinator ..... Daisy Tavaréz  
 Assistants ..... Rev. Sonia Jermin  
 Mrs. Ithamar Malave
- Church and Society ..... Mrs. Gladis I. Lobato
- Local Church Nurture ..... Miss Laura Keppis
- Outreach/Missions ..... Mrs. Edda L. Reyes
- Advocacy ..... Rev. Felix M. Thomas

At the end of my two year term as the Chair of the Council, I thank God for the many Blessings received during that time, as well as for the support I also received from the clergy and laity.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN REPORT TO THE NEW YORK  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE, HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY,  
JUNE 10-13, 2009**

**Deborah C. Jenkins, President**

101. Giving is a Mission Tradition. "Responding to God's Grace," a policy statement on giving from the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries affirms United Methodist Women's commitment to ministry with women, children and youth that assists in improving their quality of life. Women, children and youth are most often the ones who are left out of God's feast...some 140 years later through our faithfulness we continue to be proud that God's concern and care of women, children and youth is still our modern day mission focus.
102. In 2 Timothy 1:5 the Apostle Paul states, "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice." I am sure this same faith now lives in us as United Methodist Women. Paul had faith that Timothy would reach within and live the faith placed in him by his mother and grandmother. As United Methodist Women we look within and draw on that same faith and strength.
103. There shall be a community of women in every local church whose *PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.* As a member of United Methodist Women we experience the joy in giving, serving and leadership development. We give not as a means to gain, but as an expression of gratitude to an awesome and loving God and as a witness to Christ's love to serve the least and the lost.
104. The conference Mission Team had a transition in leadership in January 2008. This transition occurs every four years as stated in our Constitution and By-laws. We thanked and said good-bye to Beverly Peck-Risi, Ethel Scott, Joan Cardoni and Jae Won Kim for their leadership and service to the organization. We welcomed Susan Kim, Vice President, Dianne Adone, Secretary, Marcia Bent, Chair of Nominations and Sharon Noisette-Jenkins, Spiritual Coordinator. Other members of the Conference Mission Team are Carmen E. Hamilton, Treasurer, Olga Alvaranga, Education and Interpretation, Patricia Knebel, Membership Nurture and Outreach, Doris Richter, Program Resources and Yolanda Evelyn, Communication Coordinator. Language Coordinator(s) Ghanaian Rep. Rebecca Adjei-Ofori, Spanish, Edda Reyes and Korean Ohyeun Lee and Ming Park. Thora Rippens, Appalachian Development Representative.

105. The New York Conference met its annual Pledge to Missions. These funds allow Women's Division and the Directors to appropriate funds for missions globally in support of women, children and youth.
106. Cooperative School of Christian Mission was held at Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT from July 24-27, 2008. Mission School was spirit-filled. After experiencing the Spiritual Growth study, "*I Believe in Jesus*" everyone left school "Believing More in Jesus." There were a total of 275 participants 25 youths and 20 plus children in attendance. Sharon Noisette-Jenkins was the outgoing Dean. In preparation for the School of Mission the Conference Mission Team attended the Upper Atlantic Regional School at Marywood University, Scranton, PA in June 2008.
107. October 25, 2008 we celebrated our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Bible Korean United Methodist Church, Dix Hills, NY. Our theme for the meeting was "Living the Sacred Fulfilling Christ's Mission. Over 350 sisters from across our diverse conference attended the meeting. We were blessed and baptized as usual with a downpour of rain in the beginning of the meeting, but by noon the sun had come out and smiled across the sky. Garlinda Burton, Executive Director for the Committee on Status of Role and Women was the keynote speaker. She challenged us to be "uppity" women for Christ when engaged in mission work. With appreciation and devotion we were very excited to have Ms. Burton as our speaker. Pastor Kim, Local unit President and the officers and members welcomed us with warm greetings and hospitality.
108. The 2009 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon, 227 E. Lincoln Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY 10052. Rev. Herman Darden, Pastor. Bishop Jeremiah Park will be the keynote speaker. The theme for the day is: "Living the Sacred, United Methodist Women: Celebrating 140 years in MISSION, Fulfilling the PURPOSE"
109. I count it an honor and privilege to serve the women of the New York Conference United Methodist Women.
110. "In all I have given you an example that such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus for he himself said, it is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN 2008 report****John D. Lewis, NYAC Conference President, United Methodist Men**

101. Psalms 138, 4-5: "All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord when they hear the words of thy mouth. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord."
102. Over this past year, although without its ever-present challenges, the NYAC United Methodist Men have again shown progress in establishing a continuing effort in the promotion of emerging ministries and works in mission.
103. Our 2007-2008 campaign throughout the year took us from maintaining those events well established in our history to a defined mission statement with regards to what was known as the "Saw Mill Project", in the creating of jobs and housing for the villagers in Mozambique; whereby, the men could use the power of a "saw mill" in cutting the necessary lumber and materials in building and fielding, etc.
104. The United Methodist Men of the NYAC sponsored the funding for such a "saw mill" as part of this year's mission works, which will continue to move forward in other efforts throughout not only our local communities, but the world as well.
105. We began our year with the promise of challenging the men in their commitment, not just their respect or love for the UMM, but their commitment in sustaining the level necessary to keep the organization viable as "Fishermen of Men" for Christ. We began our year on a very somber note with the loss of one of our greatest disciples, Brother Joseph Lord, our leader, mentor on both the local and national level. So much can be said about Bro. Lord, but it would be remissive to not mention the fact that he truly embodied the meaning of what it is to be a United Methodist Man full of the respect and love of the organization, but more importantly, the commitment in the purpose of seeing that its ministries and mission works will be long lasting for its future.
106. We have also placed an emphasis on Scouting with the efforts of our Conference Scouting Coordinator, Greg Holder, whose job is to create an atmosphere of awareness throughout the conference on scouting and the establishing of scouting units in Churches not participating in a scouting program. Our Scouting Coordinator has been doing a wonderful job in creating such an awareness by attempting to create scouting programs by Districts throughout the conference.

- 107.** We are presently engaged in the conference wide efforts of getting our Men prepared for the 10th Gathering, which will be in Nashville, Tennessee in the year 2009. What has always been known as the Purdue Conference is now going to be held in Nashville, TN. Within keeping of our challenge to the Men, we expect that all men throughout will note this event as one of international proportions. In the past, the NYAC has always had a formidable presence at the Gatherings, which next year should not be any different.
- 108.** We go forward into the 2008-2009 year with the anticipation of addressing the challenges we face, which is to create a more youthful presence throughout the organization, create more emerging ministries throughout the conference in support of the well established ones, such as our prison ministries, street ministries, again scouting, and ministries more in line to create an interest for the young men to get involved, for therein lies our future.
- 109.** Glory be to God for great is the glory of the Lord, and that greatness through our Lord lies within us as Brothers in Christ. It is up to us as Men in and outside the Church to display that level of greatness that God has given us in supporting his ministry in the promotion of God's works. May God bless you and keep you in all his glory.