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Dearly Beloved,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 40th Anniversary & Consultation of the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry at Hyatt Regency-SFO Airport Hotel, Burlingame, California on June 20-24, 2013.

The theme of the event is “EAM@40: Remember, Celebrate and Re-Envision Our Mission.” What began in 1973 as a gathering of a few Asian clergy has grown into a network of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi) and Southeast Asian (Vietnamese, Thai, Cambodian, Laotian, Hmong, Korean, Nepalese, etc.) churches in America.


In remembrance, we will honor two historical figures: the Rev. Hiram Kano and the Rev. Dr. Winston Ching. The Rev. Kano championed the cause of immigrant farmers in the 1930s and became a spiritual leader during the Japanese internment era. Dr. Ching pioneered Episcopal Asiamerica Ministries and built bridges to Asia. We will also remember the early Asian pioneers, their struggles and dreams in American history.


In celebration, we will have a Multicultural Eucharist at Grace Cathedral on June 23 at 3 p.m., featuring the best in Asian cultures and Anglican liturgy. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will preach and the Rev. Dr. Fran Toy, the first Asian American woman priest in the Episcopal Church, will concelebrate with Asian bishops and all bishops present. The Rev. Gay Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, will address the multicultural banquet in San Francisco’s Chinatown.

In re-envisioning, Bishop Stacy Sauls will keynote on Domestic Mission while Dr. Rodger Nishioka will keynote on Global Mission. In the Youth & Young Adult program, the youth will visit the Asian Museum and Angel Island and learn about the Anti-Chinese Exclusion Act, the anti-miscegenation law and the Filipino farm workers’ strikes in Delano, California, to deepen their knowledge of Asian American history. On the last day, June 24, we will have an open microphone for sharing of dreams and visions for the next 40 years and beyond.

To register, click on the link: <https://www.formstack.com/forms/DFMS-eam40>. Early bird registration is until April 20. For more information, contact: (212) 922-5344 or (646) 510-6918 or e-mail wvergara@episcopalchurch.org.

Sincerely in Christ,


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