A Success Story

One Million Dollar Matching Fund Campaign &
Dallas North Central UMC

During the last quadrennium (2009-2012), major emphasis was placed on working in full partnership with Annual Conferences and General Program Agencies for developing Korean American new congregations. This collaborative financial partnership was most evident in the $1,000,000 Matching Fund Campaign for congregational development among the Korean American United Methodist churches, and it exceeded its goal.

One of the 22 congregations that were developed and supported by the plan was Dallas North Central UMC (North Texas Annual Conference). It was launched in 2011 with the pastoral leadership of Rev. Nak Hoon Cho. It has become a vital congregation that is growing and mission-centered. It is expected to become chartered and a self-supporting congregation in the near future.

Small Group Ministry Resource:
Longing to Meet You

Small Group Ministry resource in Korean, Longing to Meet You, was published by Cokesbury. It is being effectively utilized for training small group ministers, both laity and clergy. It is going to be translated into English, Spanish and other languages.

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Vision
Korean Ministry Plan

“Our vision is to integrate Wesleyan Tradition and Korean Spirituality to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Core Values
- Passionate Spirituality
- Radical Hospitality
- Small Group Ministry
- Sacrificial Stewardship

Budget Approved
2012 General Conference
2013 ~ 2016: $3,082,000

Accomplishments
2009 ~ 2012

Congregational Development, Nurture, and Revitalization
- 15 new Korean language ministries utilizing the principle of Small Group Ministry
- $1 Million Matching Fund Campaign for new church starts
- Partnership with the 1,000 Church Campaign (National Caucus)

Leadership Formation - Small Group Ministry
- A comprehensive leadership development strategy for Small Group Ministry for pastors and laity
- Trained 250 pastors and 1,000 lay persons for Small Group Ministry with the resources developed
- 56 leadership formation programs for effective ministry for cross-racial clergy, women clergy, and other ministry groups

Next Generation Ministries
- 7 new English-speaking congregations
- Partnership with NEXUS, the national coordinating body for Next Generation Ministry
- Youth Initiative(YI)
- College Initiative(CI)
- Children’s Ministry Initiative(CMI)

Program Budget

Areas of Ministry and Goals for
2013-2016

Congregational Development
- Launch new viable congregations and nurture them to become self-sustaining churches
- Mobilize and equip new congregations with resources and training for small group ministry in order to become agents of disciple making

Leadership Formation
- Identify, recruit, and train both current and upcoming leaders
- Implement a comprehensive and focused leadership development strategy for pastors and laity in small group ministry
- Support national and regional clergy and lay leadership training events and projects

Nurturing Next Generation Ministries
- Foster young clergy and lay leadership through the support of programs and events aimed at addressing the coming generations of Korean Americans as they become diverse, multiethnic population and interracial families
- Support new, innovative churches and ministries that are necessary to make new disciples from this growing demographic

Developing Ministry Resources
- Create culturally relevant resources, in Korean and English, and utilize these to train new small group leaders and for use throughout The United Methodist Church
- Research and update national data and statistics that will be a critical source of information as part of developing a strategy for the future of Korean United Methodist churches

Working with the Poor
- Partner with other agencies and organizations on justice-related ministries in order to provide support for immigrants and their struggles, as well as advocate for changes in immigration policy and advocate for the ordination of Korean Americans and other racial/ethnic persons

Fostering Global Partnerships
- Partner with global and ecumenical organizations, autonomous Methodist denominations and collaborate with Central Conferences to strengthen the ongoing missionary work of existing Korean churches throughout the world