



## EAM Chinese Convocation



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Sharing news of Chinese Episcopal Ministries nationwide

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### In the News - Your Photos needed for our Website

As part of our new website, we will have a Ministry Photo Directory and an Events Gallery. Be included! Please send us:

1. Photo of your building or ministry space
2. Photos of annual or special events at your church with captions
2. Contact information, Social Media links
3. Service Information

Please email us at : chineseconvocation@gmail.com

### In the News - Welcome



We Welcome **The Rev. Walter Wai Lun Lau**, Priest in Charge of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, Monterey Park, Diocese of LA.

The Rev. Walter Wai Lun Lau was a member of St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. Fr. Lau was in the Hong Kong Police when he received God's call to priesthood in 2014. He attended Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Ming Hua Theological College and was ordained deacon in 2017, and priest in 2018. As curate of St. Stephen's Church, Hong Kong, he ministered to the church, schools and community. Fr. Lau also worked in Youth ministry office of the Hong Kong Island Diocese. The Rev. Walter Lau joined St. Gabriel's Church in January of this year. He is here with his wife, Suki, his son Titus and his daughter Trudy.

We Welcome **The Rev. Rosalie Richards**, Priest in Charge of Episcopal Church of Our Savior, New York, Diocese of NY.

The Rev. Rosalie Richards has been with Church of Our Savior as supply priest since Fall of 2019. In June, 2020, we welcomed her as our new Priest in charge. Mother Rose received her M.Div. at General Theological Seminary and her M.S.W. at Columbia University. She received a Ph.D. in Public Health from the University of Texas, and recently earned an S.T.M. and a Master's in Spiritual Direction from GTS. Her work included establishing and directing New Haven Home Recovery, a non-profit agency for homeless families, which she helped establish, Church Ministry, Hospice Pastoral Care and Prison Ministry. She is currently working on an independent project which uses the spiritual discipline of the Enneagram (which has its roots in Evagrius) to bring the wisdom of Evagrius and Ubuntu to the 21st century.

Her daughter Raquel and her son-in-law Bryan Fuell want to meet the church people they hear stories about. Her two cats are studying Cantonese.



## Genesis II - Opportunity to Revision and Renew in the Season of COVIDtide

Greetings from sunny California.

I am the Reverend Canon Ada Wong Nagata from the Diocese of Los Angeles, recently retired or rewired as there is no real retirement in doing ministry. The editors of this newsletter asked me to write something about my post-rewirement ministry. So here I am sharing my ministry for the General Convention Task Force on Church Planting and Congregation Redevelopment.

The work on church planting and congregation redevelopment by The Episcopal Church is not new. There have been resolutions for this ministry for the last two decades. Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is very evangelistic minded and has preached evangelism often, and his episcopacy gives him a broader platform to achieve that. In the last couple of general conventions, a good sum of the budget has been allocated for this ministry. I was invited to join the task force after the recent General Convention in 2018.

The task force first met in person in November 2018 in Baltimore then online almost monthly since. I have been in multicultural ministry and had helped to establish two Chinese congregations in two English-speaking congregations in the diocese of Los Angeles. My passion is on the church redevelopment, so I am in the sub-committee of church redevelopment. I have learned a lot from my teammates who have vast experience in church redevelopment.

I had learned the goal of church redevelopment is NOT about doing something we had done before, which did not work, and going back to make it right again. It is NOT about welcoming people to our church so that we will increase the membership and pledge so that we can pay the bills. It is about building relationships within the community. It is about the partnership with the community we are in to create new ministry.

Last August, we met and brainstormed and have developed a new initiative, Genesis II: Re-vision and Renew. The following is a description of this initiative.



innovative ministry and highlights specific challenging, yet exciting, work in their neighborhoods. We have a particular focus on the practice of building relationships with fellow parishioners and with our wider community. We believe that through these relationships we will discover the ways God is active in and around our congregations.

*Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew* is an redevelopment initiative that explores practices strengthening parishes for the work of launching new ministries in a particular focus on the practice of building relationships with fellow parishioners and with our wider community. We believe that through these relationships we will discover the ways God is active in and around our congregations.

*Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew's* work is to discern, with the guidance of the Spirit and our neighbors, what God's love looks like in this place, at this moment, and how we as the body of Christ, can embody that love through radical hospitality. We engage our churches and our

neighbors in ways that nurture authentic relationships marked by mutuality, vulnerability, and accountability. Out of these relationships we initiate new ministries in our neighborhoods.

This initiative invites us to inquire:

Is your congregation ready to see and engage the neighborhood you worship and serve in again for the first time, with fresh eyes, ready for something new God is already creating?

In this season of COVID-tide as someone calls it, we are facing a lot of changes and challenges. The ways we worship and do ministry will not be the same. Are we able to face these challenges? We may say we are in a time of crisis. Most of you know that the Chinese translation for Crisis is danger and opportunity. While we face and deal with the dangers, we can also seek opportunities to see God amongst us and have something new coming out from it.

Genesis II offers many opportunities for congregations to be involved, short term or long term, to be together to share wisdom and experiences to be innovative, and to be faithful for the new ministry we are called to do. Here are different opportunities:

- **Tuesdays at 2:00** - Tuesdays at 2:00 (Eastern) encourages participation from all leaders across the church - lay and clergy. This is an exploratory gathering to learn more about this initiative. More [here](#)
- **Coaching Cohorts for Redevelopment** – gather a core teams of 4-5 lay leaders from five congregations to come together twice-monthly on Zoom for 90-minute sessions under the leadership of a coach trained in group coaching and experienced in church leadership. More [here](#)
- **The Practicing Community** – a cohort of 12 congregations across The Episcopal Church who are already engaged in redevelopment meets online 2x/month (September 2020 - Fall 2021) to learn skills, collaborate as a cohort, and innovate new ways of being church today. More [here](#)
- **The Wisdom Community** – a team of practitioners who mentor, support, and coach the Practicing Community in their redevelopment work. They reflect on their experiences with church redevelopment for the sake of launching new ministries. More [here](#)

For more information, please go to

Website: <https://episcopalchurch.org/genesis-ii-re-vision-and-renew>

Or contact Steve Matthews at [genesis2steve@gmail.com](mailto:genesis2steve@gmail.com) or the Reverend Canon Ada Wong Nagata at [revcnadarn@gmail.com](mailto:revcnadarn@gmail.com)

This is an exciting time to reflect how we can redevelop our ministry in the season of COVID tide. I highly recommend you consider exploring this initiative.

## St. George's Episcopal Church, Flushing, NY - Live Virtual Sunday Worship



St. George's Episcopal Church, Flushing, New York  
The Rev. Paul Xie, Rector  
Sunday Zoom Services at 11:00 am EST

St. George's Church Flushing Chinese ministry has been conducting online Zoom services in Mandarin every Sunday from 11:00am -1:00pm for over 4 months. Over 60 parishioners attend the services weekly. Fr. Paul prepares a PowerPoint slide with the Sunday worship, which includes singing hymns, intercessory prayer, and sermon. This offers parishioners who are unable to meet in person an opportunity to worship God at home. The church is in the process of setting up Livestream for in-church Sunday services starting mid-September.

## Episcopal Chinese Worship Across the Nation - Province II

### Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

The Rev. Peter Lam, Rector  
In-Person Services begin August 30, 2020 11:30 am EST

### St. George's Episcopal Church, Flushing, New York

The Rev. Paul Xie, Rector  
Sunday Zoom Services at 11:00 am EST

### St. James Episcopal Church, Elmhurst, New York

The Rev. Paul Lai, Priest in Charge  
Weekday devotions via social media

### Church of Our Savior, New York

The Rev. Rosalie Richards, Priest in Charge  
Sundays: Sermon and Chinese Translation on YouTube: Episcopal Church of Our Savior DNY

Weekday Reflections and Lay Sharing: FB: @Oursaviorny also WeChat and What's App  
Personal Morning and Noonday Prayer Invitation: Materials provided in Chinese and English  
Compline from Pamela Tang, Deacon Postulant, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8:30 pm on Facebook live.  
FB: @NYC Deacons in Prayer

Please join our email notifications; send your request to [pamtang@oursaviorny.org](mailto:pamtang@oursaviorny.org).

The Community Center is open Monday - Friday. Parishioners are welcomed to private prayers in the chapel – by appointment (to ensure social distancing and sanitization protocols.)

Mo Rose is grateful for the two gifted and dedicated translators in our parish, who she calls artists at their work. She welcomes the faithful service of **The Rev. Philip Wong**, and of many strong leaders in the church, who are too many to name. Her sermons can be found on the Church's Youtube page: Episcopal Church of Our Savior DNY.

## **Episcopal Chinese Worship Across the Nation - Province II**

### **The Church of the Holy Spirit, Seattle WA**

Torres Hui, Lay Leader for Chinese Ministries

Facebook: @HolyApostlesBellevue

Daily Psalm and weekly Sunday Collect posted in Chinese

Facebook Live: Sunday Morning Prayer Service at 12 noon PST with Torres and Christine Hui -

Fr. Jerry's Sermon translated in Chinese

### **Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Oakland CA**

The Rev. Merry Ong, Rector

Visit [www.oursaviouroakland.org](http://www.oursaviouroakland.org)

Every Sunday worship service (Bi-lingual) English and Cantonese / Mandarin on Zoom at 11 am - 12:15 pm .

Email Rev. Merry for Zoom access: [Revmerry@oursaviouroakland.org](mailto:Revmerry@oursaviouroakland.org)

Every 4th Saturday of the Month - adult fellowship (English)

### **St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, Monterey, CA**

The Rev. Walter Lau, Priest in Charge

[www.saint-gabriel.org](http://www.saint-gabriel.org)

Zoom Sunday Morning Prayers at 11:15 PST

Zoom Wednesday Bible Studies at 8:00 PST

### **St. Thomas Episcopal Hsin-Fen Chang, Church, Hacienda Heights, CA**

The Rev. Dr. Fennie Chang, Vicar

[www.stthomashh.com/](http://www.stthomashh.com/)

Facebook: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Hacienda Heights, CA

Sunday Service FB Live at 10:00 am PST

Evening Prayer FB Live: Every other Wednesday 6:30 pm PST

### **The Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel, CA**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Ni, Associate for Chinese Ministries

[Cosepiscopal.org](http://Cosepiscopal.org) / Youtube: Church of Our Saviour

Sunday Morning Prayer on Youtube Live at 11 am PST

## New Community 2020 Virtual Conference - Register Today!



### New Community 2020 Virtual Conference / Inscripción para la Conferencia Virtual de "La Comunidad Nueva"

**Theme: Weaving Our Diversity and  
Forming Life-Giving Relationships For The New Reality /  
Tema: Entrelazando Nuestra Diversidad y Formando Relaciones Vivificantes para la Nueva Realidad**

Friday, October 30 (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm EDT) and Saturday, October 31 (3:00 pm - 6:30 pm EDT) /  
Viernes, 30 de Octubre (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm y Sabado, 31 de Octubre de 2020 Hora del Este (Miami, Santo Domingo)

**Registration Deadline: October 15, 2020 / Fecha límite de inscripción: 15 de Octubre de 2020**

The Episcopal Church's Department of Ethnic Ministries is hosting The New Community Virtual Conference to be held October 30 and 31, 2020.

This gathering of Asian, Black, Latino/Hispanic and Indigenous clergy and lay leaders provides a safe place to explore mission in ethnic ministries, share resources and best practices, hopes and dreams, needs and concerns, gifts and ministries, suffering and joy in the context of "Weaving Our Diversity and Forming Life-Giving Relationships for the New Reality."

The Conference will include plenary sessions and workshops. Workshops include:

- Social justice in the age of COVID-19: how do we advocate and challenge systems of oppression without putting our bodies at risk. (e.g. protests prohibit social distancing).
- Mental health and healing: dealing with and supporting each other in processing grief and loss and still finding joy in our new reality.
- How domestic and international support of Navajoland in response to their needs during the pandemic have strengthened, challenged, or forged relationships between the Navajo Nation and others.
- Power and strength of the black/brown church to work in unity. Sharing and discussion of strategies to strive for unity and support among our constituencies.

In lieu of a registration fee, we are asking for a donation for Indigi-Aid, which is a fundraiser administered by the Diocese of Northern Michigan that benefits Indigenous communities adversely affected by the pandemic.

Please contact Angie Cabanban at [acabanban@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:acabanban@episcopalchurch.org) for any questions you may have.

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### Share your Good News Here.

Send us a photo and a write up (or caption) of your most recent event. Who knows, your regular event may be a new form of ministry for someone else. Please share.

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