

EAM Chinese Convocation Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2015
Cathedral Center of Saint Paul, Dioceses of Los Angeles, CA

Attendees:(21) Adlai Jew, Rev. Ada Wong Nagata, Lisa Hsu, Henrietta Ma, Jeffrey Ma, Santos Lam, Francis Hung, Angela Pang, Rev. Connie Ng-Lam, Rev. Merry Chan Ong, Ronnie Nagata, Kaity Chang, Torres Hui, Rev. Franco Kwan, Rev. Judy Lin, Butch Gamarra, Rev. Thomas Ni, Katherine Feng, Lily Cheng, Rev. Bayani Rico, Eric Ling (attended by Skype from Boston)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Convener, the **Rev. Ada Wong Nagata** at 3:05PM with an opening prayer.

Minutes: Minutes of 2-20-14 meeting were approved as corrected for name typo.

Introductions: **Katherine Feng, Lisa Hsu, Lily Cheng** (Lisa's friend) were introduced as guests and newcomers.

Convention Report: **Rev. Nagata** said that the sponsors of this gathering, EAM Office, will sponsor about \$2,000, Li Tim-Oi Center \$1,000, and Evangelical Education Society (EES) sponsors the presenters, so the cost per person for this event was \$40. The e-News was sent twice last year in July and November. Any feedback and updates from other churches will be helpful for the next issue. Translation work was done last year with help from **Sam Cheung, Katherine Feng, Torres Hui, Rev. Fennie Chang, Rev. Connie Ng-Lam, Rev. Thomas Pang** (from Hong Kong), **Rev. Nagata, Rev. Paul Lai, and Rev. Franco Kwan.**

Rev. Ni reported that the Li Tim-Oi Center was established to meet the challenges of the Chinese ministry of lagging lay leadership by providing fee based services and training classes. This also provides a source of income for the Chinese ministry.

Financial Report: **Rev. Nagata** reported a beginning balance of \$14,455.02 as of 1/1/2014 and an ending balance of \$16,620.97 as of 1/31/2015. The translation project of last year had an income of \$2,343.60. The CCLG was in the black last year with \$198. \$100 was donated each to Kaleidoscope Institute and the prison ministry.

Facebook Page: **Eric Ling** will help with updates after receiving the information.

Plan for 2016: The New Community Conference is usually held every two years in March. The next one will be next year, 2016, with the date and venue to be determined by availability.

Election of Officers: The current officers were elected in 2013 for a 3 year term to June, 2016. There may not be a Convocation Gathering in 2016 due to the New Community Conference, so the next election of officers will need to be held at EAM Consultation in Korea in September of this year. The EAM Consultation has 14 active

parishes participating with 3 delegates (1 clergy, 1 layperson, 1 youth) per parish allowed to vote. A suggestion is to follow the EAM Consultation's rule for a quorum, which is a simple majority of voting delegates present with 3 votes maximum per church.

A committee comprising of **Rev. Ada Wong Nagata**, **Rev. Franco Kwan**, and **Torres Hui**, were appointed to determine the number of votes allowed per church and the requirement for a quorum, and to send the recommendation to all churches by end of June, 2015, for approval before the EAM in September.

Minutes Committee: Since there will be a long duration before the next meeting and it may be attended by different people, a Minutes Committee comprising of **Adlai Jew**, **Kaity Chang**, and **Rev. Connie Ng-Lam**, were appointed to review and approved the minutes of this meeting, and then send to each attendee.

Evaluation: Evaluation forms should be completed by each attendee and return to the Convener before the end of the gathering.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:10PM with a closing prayer by **Bishop Diane Bruce**.

Submitted by:

Adlai Jew

Co-Secretary, EAM Chinese Convocation

Minutes approved on April 2, 2015

by Minutes Committee:

Adlai Jew

Rev. Connie Ng-Lam

Kaity Chang