

## Asian American United Methodist National Groups

- Cambodian American
- Chinese American
- Filipino American
- Formosan/Taiwanese American
- Hmong American
- Japanese American
- Korean American
- Laotian American
- South Asian American
- Vietnamese American

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# Asian American Language Ministry AALM

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**World Service Funds  
requested: \$1,638,000**

- Congregational  
Development
- Leadership  
Development
- Community /  
Outreach Ministry
- Language Resource  
Development



## Asian American Language Ministry (AALM)

As one of the General Conference Initiatives on Ethnic Ministries, Asian American Language Ministry Study (AALM) is completing the third quadrennium since its implementation. AALM serves as an important resource for developing new Asian American ministries as well as strengthening existing ones. Through resources provided by AALM, the United Methodist Church has been able to reach out to many Asian American communities throughout the USA. Currently, there are 10 different Asian American ethnic groups with 15 different languages being supported by AALM.

## History

A study committee was formed in 1992 to explore ways in which the General Church could assist development of Asian American ministries in a comprehensive manner.

A fuller proposal was submitted to the 1996 General Conference and approved with a budget of \$900,000.

The 2000 General Conference approved the continuation of AALM with \$1.8 million.

The 2005 General Conference reaffirmed AALM with \$1.6 million budget.

A petition is submitted to the 2008 General Conference for the further implementation of AALM.



## Highlights of Accomplishments for 2005-2008

Development and revitalization of 35 Asian American congregations and consultations with 8 annual conferences to develop strategic plans of planting Asian American ministries

Annual training events in Asian languages for Cambodian, Vietnamese, Hmong, Chinese, Filipino, and Lao laity and pastors

Summer Internship Program for Indochinese young adults

Youth and young adult leadership development opportunities for Cambodian, Vietnamese, Hmong, Laos, and South Asian

6 new outreach ministries/programs developed by local churches



## Goals for 2009-2012

### Development of New Congregations:

- Work cooperatively to develop new congregations in consultation with annual conferences and districts.

### Recruitment and Training of Pastoral and Lay Leadership:

- Develop language friendly and culturally appropriate lay leadership training programs;
- Provide Local Pastor Licensing courses in specific Asian languages to equip pastors for ministry with their language group;
- Equip and encourage next generation leadership by assisting in dealing with current realities such as discrimination, generational conflicts, cultural understandings and living in a multi-cultural, multi-racial society.

### Development of Community Ministries

- Develop programs and services to better serve immigrants within their communities such as legal services, immigration/citizenship education, English as a Second language, social services, ministries to the poor (housing, employment, social services), and through faith-based community centers.

### Development of Language Resources and Materials

- Develop relevant resources, culturally sensitive written materials as well as audio-visual resources in the areas of evangelism, Christian education, leadership development, stewardship, and worship.