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Asian Mission in Canada

Inaugural Conference

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Welcoming Remarks from the Bishop

March 21, 2011

Dear Participants at the Inaugural Conference:

Welcome to be part of this wonderful gathering of an ecumenical community in the body of Christ, including bishops, pastors, church leaders and leaders from academia, from Asian as well as Anglo heritages, representing a rich array of Anglican, Missionary Alliance, Baptist, Mennonite Brethren, Free Church, community church and other expressions of the one common faith in the gospel of Christ. As we come together in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is our prayer that we will enrich and encourage one another in the one true living Word.

The Asian Mission in Canada Inaugural Conference ventures to look at the church's struggles and challenges within a post-modern permissive society in the Canadian context. Taking the Chinese Canadian church as an example, we attempt to understand the unique pastoral issues involved and to envision a future for Asian Canadian Christianity. Therefore, together with all of you, I wish to work towards 3 objectives in the Conference:

- 1. To establish a platform for ecumenical dialogue, particularly on Asian Canadian pastoral concerns:
- 2. To foster fellowship and trust among Asian and non-Asian churches, such that we create a safe space for speaking and hearing one another in love;
- 3. To develop a wider theological perspective in understanding the unique struggles and pastoral concerns of the Asian Canadian churches, attempting to envision a future for Asian Canadian Christianity.

I am deeply grateful to the Sponsoring Institutes, the Planning & Advisory Committees, honored Speakers, Panelists, Respondents, and the many volunteers who have brought their wonderful gifts to this Conference. You have helped the Asian Mission in Canada to take the first step in its humble response to a calling to serve the Asian Canadian Church.

May each of you be able to bring back something that is instrumental to further growth in your particular Church community. All glory be to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

His servant,

The Right Reverend Stephen Leung President, Asian Mission in Canada

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Asian Mission in Canada

The Asian Mission in Canada is a mission to facilitate the development and growth of Asian Christian churches in Canada in response to the phenomenal growth of visible minority populations, particularly Asian immigrants. Among the Asian immigrants, a significant number of "grass root people" - marginalized immigrants with poor language skills who are working in low-paid jobs - and the fast growing number of transnational mainland Chinese satellite families represent the most neglected unreached groups. The Asian Mission seeks to ground and nurture the Asian-Canadian Christian community in the biblical faith and enable the community to do pastoral theological reflection as it faces challenges from western secular modernism and post-modernism, as well as wrestle with the meaning and significance of its Asian cultural heritage. The Mission further seeks to build partnerships among Asian-Canadian churches in order to mutually enrich, support and challenge one another in gospel witness. In an age of globalization, the vision of the Asian Mission in Canada is to affirm Asian-Canadian churches and Christian communities as part of the body of Christ, serving together with all churches to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

To facilitate the growth of Asian-Canadian churches, being part of the body of Christ in Canada and beyond, testifying to Jesus Christ in Canadian culture, and reaching out to the unreached, while firmly rooted in the biblical faith, employing historical theological reflection, and reflecting an Asian pastoral understanding.

Our Three Foci

- To set up an Asian-Canadian Church Research Centre in order to conduct ecclesiological, pastoral, historical and social research to explore and search the identity and future development of Asian churches in Canada.
- 2. To function as a resource centre and regularly hold Conferences and Training to equip and nurture clergy, pastors, and lay.
- 3. To form Mission Partnerships with churches in the Asian Provinces by sending short term mission teams and providing leadership internship in order to experience the transforming power of the gospel in God's wider kingdom.

Conference Schedule

Day One: March 21, 2011

Morning Session

@ Regent College

8:00 – 8:30 am Registration / Light Breakfast Atrium

8:30 – 9:15 am Welcoming Speech Chapel

Bishop Stephen Leung (Asian Mission in Canada)

Morning Worship (English only)

Worship Leader: Rev. James Ip
Preacher: Dr. James Houston
Prayer & Benediction: Rt. Rev. Donald Harvey

9:30 – 10:45 am **Main Talk 1.1** (English with Cantonese Interpretation*)

Chairperson: Dr. George Egerton

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Brian Stiller

Discerning Contemporary Culture:

Challenges and Christian Ministry in a Permissive Age

*Interpreter: Rev. Dr. Paul Chan

10:45 – 11:00 am **Break** (Participants may submit written questions for the speaker)

11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Panel** (English only – 10 minutes / panel member)

Moderator: Dr. George Egerton

Panelists: Ms. Karli Lin Baldwin

Rev. Dr. Joyce Chan Dr. Donald Lewis

A&Q

12:00 – 1:00 pm Announcement & Prayer

Lunch Rm. 100

& Atrium

Conference Schedule

Day One: March 21, 2011
Afternoon Session
@ Regent College

1:00 – 2:15 pm Greetings from Dr. Barbara Lai

Chapel

Hudson Taylor Center for Chinese Ministries Tyndale University College & Seminary

Main Talk 1.2 (English with Cantonese Interpretation*)

Chairperson: Dr. Donald Lewis

Speaker: Rev. Ken Shigematsu

Is There a Future for Canadian Churches? Can We Remain Faithful to the Gospel and Engage Our Postmodern Culture?

*Interpreter: Pastor Walter Wong

2:15 – 2:30 pm **Q&A**

Moderator: Dr. Donald Lewis

2:30 – 3:00 pm **Break**

3:00 – 4:00 pm **Workshop 1.1** (English only)

Speaker: Mr. Daniel Komori

Internet Pornography – Coming to Grips with the Epidemic

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Q&A**

Moderator: Dr. Donald Lewis

5:00 – 6:30 pm Announcement & Prayer

Dinner Rm. 100 & Atrium

IMPORTANT:

After dinner, the conference will reconvene (7:30 pm) for the Evening Session at Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd (189 West 11th Ave., Vancouver, BC)

Conference Schedule

Day One: March 21, 2011 Evening Session

 @ Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd
 189 West 11th Ave., Vancouver, BC

7:30 – 9:00 pm **Evening Public Address** (English only)

Chairperson: Rt. Rev. Trevor Walters

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Brian Stiller

The Battle Between Gospel and Culture - A Canadian Scenario

9:00 – 9:30 pm **Response**

Respondent: Rev. Johnny Wong

Conference Schedule

Day Two: March 22, 2011

Morning Session

@ Regent College

8:00 – 8:30 am Light Breakfast Atrium

8:30 – 9:15 am **Morning Worship** (English only) Chapel

Worship Leader: Rev. James Ip
Preacher: Dr. James Houston
Prayer & Benediction: Rt. Rev. Charles Masters

Greetings from Rev. Dr. Brian StelckCarey Theological College & Carey Institute

9:30 – 10:45 am Main Talk 2.1 (English with Mandarin Interpretation*)

Chairperson: Rev. Dr. Joyce Chan

Speaker: Rev. Warren Lai

Is There a Future for Chinese Canadian Churches?

Roadblocks and Challenges

*Interpreter: Dr. Zigang Cheng

10:45 – 11:00 am **Break** (Participants may submit written questions for the speaker)

11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Panel** (English only – 10 minutes / panel member)

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Joyce Chan

Panelists: Rev. Dr. Paul Chan

Dr. David Ley Rev. Dr. Ted Ng

Q&A

12:00 – 1:00 pm Announcement & Prayer

Lunch Rm. 100 & Atrium

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Conference Schedule

Day Two: March 22, 2011 **Afternoon Session** @ Regent College

1:00 - 2:15 pm **Greetings from Dr. Donald Lewis** Chapel

Regent College Anglican Studies Program

Main Talk 2.2 (English with Mandarin Interpretation*)

Rev. Dr. Paul Chan Chairperson:

Speaker: Rev. Warren Lai

Is There a Future for Chinese Canadian Churches? Our Response

Dr. Zigang Cheng *Interpreter:

2:15 - 2:30 pm A&Q

> Moderator: Rev. Dr. Paul Chan

2:30 - 3:00 pm **Break**

3:00 - 4:00 pm Workshop 2.1 (Cantonese with English Interpretation*)

> Chairperson: Rev. Dr. Joyce Chan

Speaker: Rev. Dr. David Pao

Culture and Text: The Future of Expository Preaching in the

Chinese Churches

*Interpreter: Pastor Walter Wong

4:00 - 4:30 pm A&Q

> Moderator: Rev. Dr. Joyce Chan

5:00 - 6:30 pm **Announcement & Prayer**

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7:30 – 9:00 pm Greetings from Rev. James Ip

Vancouver Chinese Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship

Evening Public Address

(Cantonese with English & Mandarin Interpretation*)

Chairperson: Mr. Anson Ann

Speaker: Rev. Dr. David Pao

Biblical View of the Family and the Household of God

*Interpreters: Rev. Dr. Paul Chan (English – through microphone)

Dr. Zigang Cheng (Mandarin – through headsets**)

**Headsets can be picked up from the ushers

9:00 - 9:30 pm **Response**

Respondent: Rt. Rev. Stephen Leung

Conference Final Remarks

Speakers



Dr. James M. HoustonFounding Principal & Board of Governors' Professor, Spiritual Theology, Regent College,

Born in 1922 of missionary parents in S.E. Spain, James Houston was educated at Edinburgh University (M.A., with first class honours in Geography), and appointed as Geographer to the Clyde Valley Regional Planning Authority, 1944-45. He then graduated with B.Sc. and D.Phil. from Oxford University, where he taught as a University Lecturer, 1947-1970, and as Fellow of Hertford College. He was appointed founding Principal of Regent College in 1970, and then Chancellor in 1978. He then became the first Professor of Spiritual Theology in an Evangelical college, a subject he pioneered. Retired since 2000, he still travels, writes books, teaches, and is mentor to many.



Mr. Daniel Komori Living Waters Canada

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

A graduate of Regent College, Daniel is Director of Living Waters Calgary. Previously, he served for three years as Director for Living Waters Coastal Region. Daniel has also travelled to the Philippines, Latvia and Hong Kong to train Living Waters leaders, and has spoken at numerous seminars about the nature of sexual addiction and its impact on families, marriages and churches. Daniel and his wife, Tanya, have two children.



Rev. Warren LaiSenior Pastor, Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church, Ontario, Canada

Adjunct Professor of Pastoral & Chinese Ministry, & the Director of Hudson Taylor Centre for Chinese Ministries, Tyndale University College & Seminary, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Rev. Lai has been a pastor-teacher. He has taught at the Evangel Theological College, OBC - OTS, and McMaster Divinity College. He considers this dual role as both an opportunity to summarize, reflect on, and refine what he has been practicing, and also an opportunity to put theories in the classroom through the crucibles of real-world practice.

Rev. Lai has a broad spectrum of experience in Pastoral ministry: church planting consultant (Mississauga CBC, Tuen Mun EFC, Markham CBC, and Pickering CBC), equipping specialist (Toronto Chinese Alliance Church), and missionary (with the Evangelical Free Church of North America). He has served on the board of many organizations, including the Council of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. Since returning to Canada in 1986, he has been the senior pastor of a multi-congregational church (Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church)—a 'traditional' church that can change and adopt quite a few 'ahead of the curve' ideas.



Rev. Dr. David W. Pao
Associate Professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, USA

David W. Pao (PhD Harvard University) is Chair and Associate of Professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. His recent publications include *Acts and the Isaianic New Exodus* (2000), *Thanksgiving: An Investigation of a Pauline Theme* (2002), *Early Christian Voices: In Texts, Traditions, and Symbols* (coeditor, 2003), and *Commentary on the Gospel of Luke, 2 vols.* (2008, 2009). He is involved in a number of Bible translation projects. He is also the New Testament editor of the Tien Dao Bible Commentary series and the consulting editor of the Zondervan Exegetical Commentary series.



Rev. Ken Shigematsu Senior Pastor, Tenth Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Ken Shigematsu is the senior pastor of Tenth Avenue Church, a large multi-ethnic church in the heart of Vancouver, British Columbia. Drawing on both eastern and western leadership philosophies with a penchant for risk-taking, Ken is a unique figure as a senior pastor. He has participated in teaching missions in North America, Europe, and Asia. A global thinker, he serves as a trustee for World Vision. Prior to entering full-time ministry, Ken worked for the Sony Corporation in Tokyo. He is married to Sakiko and they are parents of a young son, Joe.



Rev. Dr. Brian C. StillerPresident of Tyndale University College & Seminary (1995 to 2009)

Founder and former editor-in-chief of Canada's national magazine, *Faith Today* Former president of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

Brian Stiller was raised in a minister's home on the Prairies. Educated at the University of Toronto (BA in History), Wycliffe College (Master of Religion), and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry), he has received honorary doctorates from Briercrest College and Trinity Western University.

During the 1960s, Stiller set out to work with youth, first in Montreal as director of Youth for Christ, then Toronto YFC, and finally as national president of Youth for Christ.

From 1983 to 1997 his leadership as president of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada gave him national profile as a voice for people of biblical faith. By way of weekly television, publishing a national magazine, authoring a number of books and public speaking, increasingly his opinions and views on issues of moral concern were sought.

Brian served as President of Tyndale University College & Seminary from 1995 to 2009. Tyndale is the oldest standing institution of its kind in Canada, serving some 1200 students.

Stiller is founder and former editor-in-chief of Canada's national magazine, *Faith Today*. He hosts a weekly commentary, You've Got Mail, on the national television program, 100 Huntley Street. He is the author of ten books. The most recent are *Preaching Parables to Postmoderns* (2005), published by Fortress Press; *Jesus and Caesar: Christians in the Public Square* (2003), published by Castle Quay Books Canada; *What Happens When I Die?* (2001), published by HarperCollins; *When Life Hurts: A Three-Fold Path to Healing* (1999), and *From the Tower of Babel to Parliament Hill* (1997).

Worship Leader

Rev. James Ip

Pastor, Richmond Chinese Alliance Church Chair, Vancouver Chinese Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship

Respondents & Panel Chairs

Ms. Karli Lin Baldwin

Previously ministered to second generation Chinese Canadians of Malaysian descent in a church-plant congregation. Now a full time Mom actively involved in bible studies and discipleship with other women.

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