

Our Partnership in Ministry

National Hmong Caucus of the United Methodist Church

Our primary goal as a caucus is to network among our churches, pastors and leaders for evangelism and mission, which is to make new disciples for Jesus Christ and build more churches, here in the United States and/or in our homeland. This goal encompasses in everything that we do, such as our annual convocation, regional conferences, pastor retreats, women and men events, youth events, Course of Study, leadership trainings, mission support, and others. We do best when we all come together and have better communication and the willingness to be in the team/partnership. Often we may feel short of our goal, yet, we have done well beyond our expectation considering the number of people and churches that are supporting National Hmong Caucus. It is my hope that 2018 will be a great year that we will meet our objectives as planned—both in our budget accountability and ministries. Here are some highlights or snapshots for 2017 and our hope for 2018.

Where We Had Been in 2017

What we do	Remarks
NHC General Meeting , January 6-7 NHC Annual Meeting , Oct. 13-14	General meeting is for all pastors and council chairs, sprc, president of men and women group and youth. Thank you ChristWay for hosting the GM and Sherman Avenue for AM.
Conduct 3 Regional Conferences: --California, April 21-22 --Wisconsin/Minnesota, June 9-10 --North Carolina, July 14-15	The purpose is to get to know our churches and people, as well, as sharing the ministry of NHC and its vision and goals. Almost every board member of NHC were able to attend in all three RC. Well attended in California and North Carolina. The most expensive program we ever conducted, which we spent nearly \$16k, many from our own personal donations. Thanks to all our hosted churches: New Hope, First Hmong UMC, and Trinity.
Course of Study at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary July 16-28	We had 6 students attended, one was a young adult. We studied level 1 of the curriculum. Our faculty are: Rev. Tsuker Yang and Rev. Chue Lue Vang. NHC gave a scholarship of \$1,200 for our students.
Course of Study in Laos --April 21-May 8 --October 27-November 12	Thank for Xf. Dr. Yeu Vang for teaching the first session. Kx. Zong Her was not able go because of visa issue. For the second session we had Kx. Shine, Kx. Cherlue and Kx. Tsuker. We had 22 pastors attended for the second session. This is NHC's mission partnership with General Board of Global Ministries. They help pay for the travel tickets. Laos Mission helps with lodging and food. NHC helps with books, faculty, and discretionary funds for documents and misc expenses. This year, NHC spent \$800 for discretionary expenses and nearly \$1,200 for text books. Often our faculties incur additional cost from their personal pockets to make this partnership possible. Thanks to HUMWA and individuals who donated to help our faculty with their trips for this ministry.
Laos Mission Supports --Gifts to Xwbfwb Thaiv Hang --Gifts to Christmas Celebration --Paying the Annual Tax for Cemetery Plot (\$300) --Donations to help Kx. Daniel for purchasing a car for mission works	We gave a donation \$1000 to help Xf. Thaiv Hang for the loss of his wife (NHC and HUMWA), and gifts for Laos Christmas Celebration from many of our churches. Thank you for all our churches that gave to the Christmas gifts; and to all who donated to Xf. Thaiv Hang. Thanks to HUMWA for your gift to Xf. Thaiv Hang. Thanks also to all who donated to help Rev. Daniel for his transportation need in order to serve effectively. We received a total of \$7,601.
Vietnam Mission Support	We gave a donation collected many years ago from our Youth/Ca Sab for our Hmong churches in Vietnam. The fund was used for vacation bible school and curriculum. Total was \$900.
AALM Advisory Board Meeting June 7-8 Los Angeles, California	Meeting in Los Angeles. Rev. Tsuker Yang and Rev. Dr. Yeu attended as Hmong representatives. Meeting happened in Little Tokyo in the heart of downtown Los Angeles.
NFAAUM Assembly August 10-12 Evanston, Illinois	National Federation of Asians American UM had its General Assembly in Evanston, Illinois. Its primary purpose was to elect new officers and set missional priority. Rev. Tsuchue was the Vice President. Rev. Tsuker and Kt. Kang Chou

NFAAUM Membership Fee: \$500	attended to represent National Hmong Caucus. There are 12 ethnic caucuses of Asian heritage/origin and few more new caucuses not yet ratified to be on board. NFAAUM serves all our Asian constituents. However, we won't get support for travel expenses if we don't pay the fee. Thus, what we pay is less than what we can gain in return.
GCOOR Capacity Building Meeting/Training September 8-9 Niles, Illinois	The General Commission on Religion and Race had hosted a capacity building for leaders of all our five national caucuses. Each of our national caucus had made a plan to reach our youth and young adults to empower them for social justice and leadership in the church/public. More information will come in the near future. Rev. Tsuker was selected to attend as one of the representatives from NFAAUM.
Missionary Director Position	We had had potential candidate but had not been able to fill the position. We hope to fill this position in the early of 2018.
New Church Start	Perhaps, we can say that St. Paul UMC in Fresno is one of our new church start for 2017. It is growing and thriving fast. The congregation has become one with the Caucasian congregation. Great job and thanks to our great leaders: Xf. Vashua and his leaders. New church start is an important ministry area which needs a missionary director. Our comprehensive plan is still the same: starting two new churches every year. No new church start for 2017. Partly due to the short of our funding and missionary director. We need to be able to help with \$5000 per new church start as gas money. If you know someone or a community that is a potential, please let us know.
Congregation Revitalization and Sustainability Plan	Still working on it pending the cooperation of our pastors and churches, and budget fund available. We hope to meet with our churches and pastors to begin making a strategy for each of our church/ministry to become sustainable, as well as a charter church.
HUMWA Hmong United Methodist Women Association	Our HUMWA is the strength of our churches and ministries. They lead the ways as how we can work together, grow together, and give glory to God. They have a great leadership team, great programs and a unified spirit. They had supported NHC budget, HUMY and HUMY and HUMM; and mission in Laos. Thanks to thawj namtsev, Ger Vang, N. Ntxhoo Yaaj Vaaj.
HUMM Hmong United Methodist Men	Kt. Chu Chong was re-elected to be the president. Please come to the Joint Convocation in Lake Tahoe. We will plan their for our programs and set the priority for our future.
HUMY/VINE	Our HUMY events are amazing, every one of them. Ca Sab is still the best of all events. HUMY Director Kt. Lee and his team have great plan for the coming year. Be sure to encourage your youth and young adults to participate in all the events. VINE has a new director, Xf. Jonah Vang, pastor of First Hmong in Charlotte, NC.
The Passing of Rev. Jonah Yang February 18-20	We had the opportunity to be present at Rev. Jonah's funeral. Rev. Tsuker spoke on behalf of National Hmong Caucus. Many of our pastors were able to attend and gave their supports for the families. Thanks to all who came and gave supports, including sunshine gift/nyaj tshaavntuj.

Where We Are Going in 2018

Events, Priorities and Vison	Remarks
Joint Convocation in Lake Tahoe Memorial weekend May 24-27, 2018 Lake Tahoe, NV	We will have our first joint event ever in NHC's history. All our pastors, leaders, men and women will gather together; each has their separate programs, as well as, joint programs. We expect great turnout from our California churches. Save the dates! Detail information and registration will come soon. Pastors are required. Churches/ministries, please help fund your pastors and his/her spouse to be there.
NHC Laos Mission Projects --Three New Church Building \$15,000 --Building Repair (2) \$5,000	With the request of Rev. Daniel Yang, NHC had committed to support our Laos Mission Projects. We have assigned to each of our ministry group and churches as follow:

--Music Equipment (10) \$2,000 --Water Well (3) \$3,000 Total: \$25,000.00	HUMY for Music Equipment HUMM for Building Repair HUMWA for Water Wells Churches/Ministries for Three New Church Building Leaders of our ministry groups and churches, please do share these mission projects in your group/church and begin to raise the fund as needed. I commit \$500 toward New Church Building. Xf. and Nxf. Tsuchue have committed \$4,000.00 for 6 water wells: 3 for Laos & 3 for Vietnam.
The Missionary Director Position and New Church Start	The MD position is a part-time position with the budget as follow: \$12,000 stipend and \$3,000 travel. All your pledge and support will be shared for this position and other expenses and ministries as needed. We hope to fill it asap with the available fund/pledge from our 12, 120 and 12 peoples/churches. We have potential areas where new ministries can happened. What is important is that we have someone to follow through. When we have the MD comes on board, we hope the goal of starting two new churches a year can be achieved. Remember, we will help gas money \$5000 per new church start in the first year, coming from your pledge and our total budget (\$10,000 per year for two).
Continuity of our COS in Laos and the US	We hope for more students to attend the COS at Garrett ETS, and more pastors to come to our Laos COS this year. Remember, NHC will provide up to \$200 scholarship for our US students.
Meet our Budget Accountability and the 144 peoples/churches Budget Accountability Plan Total Budget: \$54,000 If we commit to the following, this can be achieved: 12 pastors, each gives \$300 120 members, each gives \$300 12 churches/ministries, each gives 2% of their budget.	Two thousand years ago, there were just 144 people who decided to make a difference for Jesus Christ. Together they helped change the world. These people are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 people who heard Jesus’s call to be his disciples • 120 people who were filled with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day and began the church. • 12 Tribes of Israel that represent the church in the world. We need these people today to help making a difference in 2018 for Jesus Christ. We believe if we only have 12 pastors and 120 members who will give \$300 each year, and 12 churches/ministries that will give 2% of their budget, we can begin to make a difference for Hmong United Methodists. May God call you to be one among those who make a difference for Jesus Christ. Thank you for those who have already walked this journey for all your pledges and supports.
Congregation Revitalization and Sustainability	We will evaluate and give priorities to potential churches/ministries to begin with a strategy and plan for development.
New Hymnal Projects: --Completing the sing-along project --Begin to think about revision and White Hmong version	Currently working on the Sing-along project for the current hymnal. New projects may come to play after completing the Sing-along project.
Review and Revise our Guideline for Funeral and Wedding	Please let us know if you have any suggestion for our two guideline booklets: Funeral and Wedding.
Improving our Contacts and Communication through Email and Web/Phone Conference	First Monday of every month we will have a web/phone conference opened to pastors, council chairs, NHC board and anyone. Please call (515) 604-9575 and enter access code: 270225 to join. Check our website at www.Hmongumc.org

These are what we hope you can be a partner. Jesus did not do his ministry alone. He had 12 people to start with; then 120 people, and 12 tribes of Israel to work with. It is my hope that Hmong United Methodists will grow and become vibrant when we commit to a vision and give our personal share in the ministry.

I want to thank everyone who have been a part of National Hmong Caucus in time of trials and success. NHC is a mission agency, your Hmong mission agency for the cause of networking for Jesus Christ, evangelization and mission to the Hmong people and people in our homeland, making new disciples. Giving and supporting NHC is a part of our faith as Christian and disciples of Jesus Christ—our mission. NHC can’t thank enough for all your support. Please let us know how we can be partner for Jesus Christ.

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