

Perimeter Korean Neighborhood Congregation (PKNC)

1. Background

- The demographics of neighborhoods around Perimeter has changed significantly since mid 1990, particularly a sharp increase in Asian population. In order to serve the community in which it is located, in 2001 Perimeter made a decision to become a multiethnic church, which represents the community it is serving.
- A ten-member steering committee was formed with five ethnic representatives and five church staff members to study different models of multiethnic churches, and recommend what kind of multiethnic church we should strive to be. After almost six months of work, the committee made a recommendation: a multiethnic church with a stained glass approach (vs. melting pot approach or several ethnic churches under one roof).

Some salient aspects of the model:

- One body, one sermon, one service,
 - Respect for cultural heritages of all multi-ethnic members and communities,
 - Fostering and promotion of fellowship among each ethnic/ cultural group.
 - Leveraging of multi-ethnic communities in Perimeter to reach and serve un-churched multi-ethnic people in our community.
- Until early 2000, Perimeter was organized by geography based on subdivisions, called Perimeter Neighborhood Congregation.
As a pilot of the Ethnic Based Neighborhood Congregation (vs. Geography Based), Perimeter Korean Neighborhood Congregation (PKNC) was formed in 2002.

2. The purpose of PKNC

- Help people with Korean heritage (immigrants, born in the US, spouses of Koreans, or people with interest in Korean people and culture) to land in Perimeter and take roots as soon as possible;
 - Regular Sunday service attendance,
 - Join one of disciple groups called journey group or regular bible study/fellowship groups,
 - Join one of the seasons of community groups based on age or interest.
- Help to develop language skills in order understand English sermons, participate in church activities, and acclimate to American church culture.
- Promote spiritual growth.
- Promote fellowship and nurture growth in Christ-like love.
- Help and network with each other to have positive experiences in all aspects of American life within and outside the church; profession, business, education, family, etc.
- Interact with others in Perimeter to promote cultural understanding and harmony.

3. Current activities

- 1) Publish weekly sermon summary in English to facilitate the full understanding of Sunday service to non-native speakers.
Repeated reading of the summary and listening of sermon Podcast is recommended.
(Contact Jai Kyung to receive weekly summary)
- 2) Meet monthly for fellowship and review of sermons or bible study of special subject.
(Contact Jai Kyung)
 - All ages including children.
 - On the third Sunday of each month from September through May.
 - 12:30- 3:00 Pm in room A-2132/33.
 - Lunch and fellowship, 12:30-1:30 PM
 - Review of sermons, or special study, 1:30-3:00 PM
- 3) Weekly ladies bible study
(Contact Jai Hie Kyung)
 - For ladies only, All ages, No childcare available.
 - Monday, Thursday and Friday (you choose one day) during the school year.
 - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship
 - 10:00-12:00 Bible study.
 - Other bible study group available depending on age, interest or needs.
- 4) Weekly men's discipleship groups.
(Contact Paul Huang)
- 5) Regular social times.
(Contact Jai Hie Kyung)
 - Christmas Celebration, one Saturday in December.
 - Picnic at the Pavilion, one Sunday in May.

4. Contact information

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