

## Asian American Highlights

The Korean American population in the U.S. was estimated at 1.3 million as of 2000. More than 500,000 Koreans live in Southern California, with 300,000 in LA.

Korean Americans are one of the four poorest ethnic groups in the U.S., after African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans.

Korean Americans have the second highest language barrier of any ethnic group.

There are currently over 4,000 Korean American churches in the U.S.

Seventy five percent of the Korean American community is connected to a church.

In 2001, the top 16 Korean American mega churches in greater LA had between 1,000 to 8,000 members every Sunday and an annual offering of over \$52 million.

Korean Americans have one of the lowest homeownership rates of only 37.3 percent, as compared to the overall homeownership rate of 48.2 percent.

Asian American gangs are the fastest growing gangs in L.A. County, with over 20,000 members.

Although national trends show that juvenile arrests have decreased in the last 20 years, when examined by ethnicity, Asian American youth are the only group to show an increase in arrests (11.4 percent).

## KCCD Leadership

Through KCCD's leadership, many previously unrecognized communities and their needs are being addressed. In 2005, KCCD received a historic \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to implement a Youth Workforce Program for Asian American at-risk and adjudicated youth. Through this grant, KCCD was able to award over \$420,000 in subgrants and train numerous organizations that serve Asian American youth.

KCCD was honored as Faith Partner of the Year at the 12th Annual Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Weed Awards Dinner and Celebration, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Los Angeles Minority Business Opportunity Center.



*KCCD receives Faith Partner of the Year; President Hyepin Im with Alberto Alverado, U.S. Small Business Association District Director and Senator Mark Ridley Thomas.*

## Testimonies

*"It has been Freddie Mac's pleasure to collaborate with KCCD to foster the dream of homeownership among the Asian community. The efforts of KCCD have truly created homeownership opportunities."*

*"KCCD has been a great partner with CVS/Pharmacy. We have been able to work together in getting Asian Americans placed in the retail drug store industry. These new candidates get the chance to see if retail is a career path for them."*

*"Your ideas are very workable and useful... We strongly believe that the conference benefits the Korean community as a whole and furthermore, other ethnic groups... The conference was a great success in every way."*

## Our Partners & Supporters



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## Transforming Lives and Communities



*Korean Churches for  
Community Development*

## About KCCD

Since 2001, Korean Churches for Community Development (KCCD) has been leading the way in advancing the Korean/Asian American community's recognition and participation as full partners in society by removing cultural, linguistic, and economic barriers through educational and economic development programs, strategic public and private partnerships, and capacity building for Asian American faith communities and community non-profits. Through many exciting partnerships, KCCD is addressing community challenges, enhancing the quality of services for low-income, immigrant, and disenfranchised individuals, and changing the landscape for the Korean/Asian American community as a whole.



*KCCD awarded \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, pictured here with U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao.*

## Building Organizations: Building Leaders

KCCD has successfully trained over 2,000 faith-based organizations and nonprofits across the county to leverage internal and external resources for their community and improve economic development efforts. KCCD's trainings, consultations, advocacy and networking opportunities assist organizations to:

- Establish a non-profit arm
- Identify and address needs in the community
- Develop effective programs
- Build organizational leadership and infrastructure
- Identify, attract and obtain funding

## KCCD Research Institute

KCCD is dedicated to bringing Korean and Asian American issues to the forefront of lawmakers, politicians, news media, and community influencers' agendas through advocacy and research. KCCD conducts research to support continued improvements in Asian American communities. Research fields include: Healthy Marriage Status, Domestic Violence Research, Korean Church Community Development, and Asset Building and Retirement Planning Research.

## KCCD Initiatives

KCCD has successfully introduced the following initiatives :

- **Homebuyer Assistance Program** offers homebuyers down payment assistance, IDA programs, 12-hour certified education classes and counseling.
- **Healthy Marriage Initiative** offers marriage education and healthy relationship skills certification for trainers as well as for individuals at all stages of relationship.



*Participants learn healthy relationship skills in KCCD's Marriage Education Trainer Certification classes.*

- **Communities Empowering Youth** offers organizational and operational capacity building for organizations that serve Asian American youth.
- **Youth Workforce Program** offers organizations training, funding and linkages to help implement workforce development programs for youth.

- **National "Lighting the Community" Conference** brings together policy makers, elected officials, funders, policy makers, administrators, Asian American pastors, community leaders, and others nationally to collaborate and provide solutions to meeting needs.
- **Path Builders Technical Assistance Programs** provides on-going assistance to organizations and churches to organize, plan, build, fund and implement community service and economic development efforts.
- **Grant Writing Services** teaches organizations to identify and obtain funding as well as grant writing services.



*KCCD's 5th National Lighting the Community Conference*