

THE PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
about
GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER NOMINEES

NAME: Jason H. Ko

CHURCH: Community Presbyterian Church of La Mirada

Local Church Experience:

Ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament of PCUSA on November 30, 2003 and served as an Associate Pastor/Youth Ministries Pastor for 3 years in NJ and then 3 years in Texas.

On March 1, 2009, began serving at Community Presbyterian Church of La Mirada as the teaching elder.

Service to the Denomination: (Presbytery and beyond)

Prior to Seminary, I was involved with the Korean Caucus of the PCUSA through the National Korean Presbyterian Youth Council and Coalition Korean-American Ministries from 1992-2003.

Currently serving a second year in the Healthy Congregations subgroup of the Strategic Coordinating Team of Los Ranchos Presbytery.

Return to the Presbytery Office by February 16, 2012. This biographical Information sheet will be copied and provided for all the presbyters at the Presbytery meeting.

Please answer the following four questions with the total length of your answers to be a maximum of one page.

1. How would you describe your “call” to become a commissioner to the 2012 General Assembly?

I have been a part of the Presbyterian Church USA since 1979. I would like to see nothing more than our churches bringing people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ in our community and throughout the world. I agree with Bill Hybel’s quote that the “local church is the hope of the world” because Christ is the head and we need leadership that follows in His steps.

It goes without saying that there are significant decisions our denomination is navigating through and I feel the need to become more involved. Rather than standing at a distance, I would like to become directly part of the process in hopes to see a movement in our church that honors and glorifies Jesus Christ.

2. How do the Scriptures mold your faith?

Scriptures are the Word of God and it molds everything about me. The Word stands on its own in truth. I put my trust in God through Scriptures and as Eugene Peterson puts it well in the Message, “showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way.” (2 Timothy 3:16).

3. What do you see as the most significant issue(s) coming before this year’s general assembly?

I think the most significant issue would be the response of our denomination to the many discussions held by all sides within PCUSA. The question that captures all the issues for me is, “How do we effectively remain in unity while upholding the Word of God and our calling as the church?”