

Big News!

Written by Jon Liu

What's the big news? Google defines big as "of considerable size, extent, or intensity." It then defines news as, "newly received or noteworthy information, especially about recent or important events." So if we put those two things together: I have considerable noteworthy information to share! Have I dragged this out long enough?

On June 1, I will assume the role as the Director of AACF. This new role will expand my responsibilities within AACF. I will be leading AACF through structural changes while exploring new ministry opportunities for the organization. It is my conviction and desire to develop leaders, not only in title but in lifestyle. That doesn't change. What will change are the ways AACF supports its staff members and student leaders. I want to provide more resources (financial and human) to support their efforts on the campus. I want to multiply the impact of AACF in college communities. I want God's name to be glorified; that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Please pray for me as I navigate this new role. Pray that I will wisely lead AACF. Pray that I will patiently discern God's will for AACF. Pray that I will have a healthy balance between ministry and family life. Kylie and I both have demanding jobs; we can easily expend all of our energy on work and leave little for each other. Pray that my network of support will grow. As I step into this leadership role, I recognize that I need people to help me. I need people to keep me accountable as a minister, as a husband, and as a disciple of Jesus Christ. I need people who process information differently from me. I need people who have different skillsets. I cannot do this alone.

Thank for your prayers and your continued support. Your prayers, words of affirmation, and financial support have helped me embrace God's calling to accept the Director's position with AACF. I ask that you continue to pray for me as I take on this noble task.



John Katagi (Director of Strategic Development, So. America), Jon Liu (AACF Director), Rick Chuman (Executive Director)

AACF LTC 2016: The Disciple Ship

Written by Jon Liu

AACF's annual Leadership Training Conference is just around the corner. It is a weeklong conference for AACF's student leaders. This year we have around 80 student leaders coming from all over the West Coast of California. This year's theme is Disciple Ship. Here's a description of the conference:

Have you ever thought about how much biblical ministry took place on board a ship? Being on a boat could mean that a person was in a place of safety or danger. It could be a place where someone worked or was simply

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traveling. In our contemporary culture, ships continue to operate for commerce and travel, but are used for expensive leisurely cruises and even to conduct war. But we invite you to consider another use for a ship. It is a place where training and discipling takes place. Being on a ship usually means that you are with other people, some who are familiar to you and others who might be total strangers. But as you work together, your experience expands, your relationships grow and your walk with God deepens.

I will be co-teaching the weeklong Discipleship Track with Evelyn Encarnacion. The track will give students a biblical foundation for discipleship, present different types of discipleship relationship, and then equip the students with skills to develop a discipleship ministry.

I will also be teaching an elective workshop with an AACF Cal alumna (Ramsey DeLano) on how to transition out of discipleship relationships. The workshop wants to help students end well. We'll talk about ending formal discipleship relationship while continuing the friendship.

I will also be supporting various AACF chapters throughout the week, offering oversight as student leadership teams reflect on the previous year and dream about the upcoming year. It will be a full week of ministry.

As a student I attended LTC in 2005 and 2006. It was one of the best conferences I have ever attended. It was and still is a unique atmosphere of student leaders and peers. These up-and-coming leaders may have never met but they have common ground to make instant connections. They are all part of AACF and love Jesus. They are blessed by their common experiences and unique contexts. They share ideas, they encourage one another, and they move together toward fulfilling the mission and vision of AACF.



(5th Row) Diane T., Kim L.
(4th Row) Kelly L., Sharlene L., Kiki H.
(3rd Row) Jon L., Derek W., Ervin D., Stephen C.
(2nd Row) Alison K., Kevin C., Alex L.
(1st Row) Steve N., Matt K.

LTC 2005



(5th Row) Angie L., Alison K., Kevin C.
(4th Row) Jon L., Casey T., Brett Y.
(3rd Row) Joe T., Jen S.
(2nd Row) Dean S., Kristen S., Phil D.
(1st Row) Jenn H., Matt K.

LTC 2006

I am looking forward to LTC 2016. Many hours were poured into preparing for LTC. But we know that it is the Holy Spirit who changes lives. Pray for these students as they come to LTC. Pray that they will be able to rest at LTC. It is an intense week of learning and fellowship. Some students will be coming directly from finals week. Some students will have other obligations on their minds. Pray that they will former lasting friendships to find support during their year of ministry in AACF.

Get ready to read my next newsletter that will feature the highlights of LTC!

Another Step Closer to Marriage

Written by Kylie Yano and Jon Liu

Jon and I finally found an apartment! By the time this newsletter is published, it will be just over a month until our wedding. This will be the home where we start the next season of our lives together. We both were impressed by the apartment when we saw it. A few hours later we completed an application and prayed for God's favor. A few days later, we found out that we were approved! God is so faithful to provide all that we need and in His time.

Jon will move in first, and I will join him after the wedding. But until then, it has been fun to prepare the apartment together and to work together to move. Cleaning, dreaming about how to set everything up, shopping for furniture, taking multiple trips from the car to our door - we've been able to enjoy it all and invest in our new home. We have even met many of our neighbors already, and I can see how God is expanding our circles and forming new bonds. From young families to retired individuals, our new community will bring diverse experiences and plenty of interesting conversations. Even still, God gave us a quiet apartment for moments of rest and time together.

This was a huge burden off of our shoulders, a weight seemingly heavier than wedding planning. With the relief of keys in hand and a place to call our own, we're looking forward to this new chapter. Jon is looking forward to settling into married life, and I am looking forward to seeing him more often than just the weekends. There will be new and different challenges to face and habits to adjust to, but we are excited to be in one place rather than an hour drive away from each other in LA. God has given us a home base where the commute to work for both of us is as good as it's going to get and where we can be close to family. We are so blessed as we take one step closer to marriage!



A selfie in front our new door

Supporting Jon's Ministry in AACF

My ministry will not be possible without the generous donation of readers like you. Would you consider pledging \$100 a month to support my ministry? Every dollar makes it possible for me to be in mission field. I will be in the field providing care to AACF staff members. I will be on the campus to support student leaders. I will be meeting with other ministries (para-church and local church) to further the Kingdom of God. Will you pray about becoming a monthly partner? If you sense the Lord leading you to give, there are several ways to give:

- Give by check print and mail this completed form back to AACF/JEMS, 948 East Second Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (<http://thedentedbox.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/SupportJonsMinistry.pdf>). The form also includes and EFT authorization form for recurring gifts.
- Give by credit card, go to www.aacf.org/jonliu/. It is quick and easy.
- You can also donate your (working or non-working) car! Call the office and ask for Mary Tabuchi for more information: 213-613-0022.

Thank you for your faithful support. I am grateful for your friendship and your support. I pray this blessing over each of you: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

