

THE COMMITTEE ON ETHNIC LOCAL CHURCH CONCERNS

Diversity is God's gift to us. Our ethnic congregations are vital and visible. They are participating in the mission of the South Carolina Conference without losing their ethnic identity and faith experiences. They bring the gift of uniqueness in worship.

Resourcing is critical and necessary for the strengthening of our ethnic churches. We will be working toward providing the necessary resources for our ethnic churches to be revitalized.

A website for ELCC will be operational by May 1. This site will have links to each of ELCC's committees/task forces: African American Task Force, Korean American Task Force, Hispanic/Latino Committee, and the Native American Committee. ELCC's activities include the revision of our grant application form. We have created a brochure and a newsletter that will be available via the website. In addition to the awarding of grants and scholarships, ELCC plans to increase the number of visitations to ethnic churches.

Ethnic Committee Highlights:

African American Task Force – Appointment of Rev. Ken Nelson as Congregational Specialist for the African American Church

Korean American Task Force – Reactivated Dr. Kyoung Ro, Chairperson

Native American Committee – Working toward establishing two United Methodist Native American mission churches

Hispanic/Latino Committee – New church start, Greenville District

The reports for the African American Task Force, Korean American Task Force, Hispanic/Latino Committee and the Native American Committee follow.

Charlotte A. Grooms, Chairperson