

What if it's NOT....

"What is God's plan for my life?"

BUT....

"How does my life fit into God's plan?"



WORLD
CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP

PRAYERFUL BEGINNINGS

Excerpts from "How it All Began"
by Kenneth Chin and John Lo

- In 1974, Kenneth Chin, a medical student from San Francisco, was inspired by the 1806 Haystack Prayer meeting to start the Pray For Asia Fellowship (PFAF).
- By 1976, eight-ten PFAF groups had sprung up across the U.S. and Canada. Students and young adults met at monthly gatherings and occasional weekend retreats to pray for the harvest abroad and to seek God together.
- In 1985, PFAF organized the first World Christian Conference for Chinese Graduates (WCCCG) in San Diego, with co-sponsorships by North American Chinese Coordination Center for World Evangelization and the Fuller Chinese Studies Program.
- Key mentors of this grassroots movement in the early years included Drs. Gail Law, Che-Bin Tan and the late Rev. Fred Cheung.
- By the late 80's, regional prayer meetings in Los Angeles and the Bay Area were established, and PFAF changed its name to World Christian Prayer Fellowship.
- By the mid 90's, over 40 conference planning and executive committee members had gone to serve overseas or into full-time ministry locally.
- In the late 90's, the conference changed its name to World Christian Conference (WCC) and the World Christian Fellowship (WCF) was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1997. WCC moved from Southern California to Redwood Christian Park in Santa Cruz.
- In 2005, World Christian Fellowship's charter officially acknowledged Asian Americans as its primary target group.
- By 2006, more than ten years of WCC had been held at Redwood Christian Park, Santa Cruz. (note: the conference moved from S. California to RCP in the mid 90's.)
- In 2006-08, the Advisory Board transitions over to become a Board of Directors and an Executive Directorship Team is put in place to function as the interim Executive Director.

If you have been involved with the WCF movement in the past, what aspect(s) of the movement have/has blessed you? _____

What are some areas of the WCF movement that you wish would be addressed? _____

What are some of your important felt needs in regards to your faith or World Christian journey? _____

Is there anything else you would like us to know? _____

Thank you very much for taking the time to give us your comments and suggestions.

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

Matthew 24:14



PURPOSES OF WORLD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The purposes of WCF are to challenge and empower individual Christians and churches to:

- Equip committed Asian American World Christians and World Christians who closely identify with the Asian American worldview who are active disciples and evangelists for the nations, both in local and overseas ministry.
- Activate these individuals and churches to the nations through prayer, training, guidance and support.
- Facilitate teamwork and networking among individuals, churches and other organizations with a World Christian vision.
- Partner with other organizations and networks with complementary objectives so that World Christians can unite towards the goal of building up the universal body of Christ.

Annual missions conference

In 1985, PFAF organized the first World Christian Conference for Chinese Graduates (WCCCG) in San Diego. Since then, WCF's annual missions conference, the World Christian Conference, which gathers together like-minded peers, leaders, and mentors, has grown in influence over the years. It is a sacred place where God shows up each year, exposing attendees to the big picture of what God is doing in the world and enabling them to hear His voice in their own lives. During the conference, attendees are encouraged to grapple with their identity, purpose, and calling, and they return to their congregations with an enlarged vision and deeper commitments to Christ. They feel energized and equipped to serve and follow Jesus more fully — many times even repurposing their careers.

Past year highlights

WCF's flagship annual missions conference, WCC, was held in February, 2009 in Northern California. In November, the WCF newsletter, *Voices of the Movement*, celebrated its 2-year anniversary of its monthly format as it aimed to keep the WCF community connected throughout the year and testify to what God is doing in the movement. WCF also encouraged fellowship and growth of the WCF community through participation in the regional prayer groups in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Mid-Peninsula (San Mateo), Fremont/South Bay, Mountain View, and Seattle.

Future plans

2010 will mark the 25th Anniversary of WCC and bring additional opportunities to continue the vision of WCF. We hope to provide more equipping seminars to local, regional, and church communities. Also under consideration is the launching of other WCC-like events in different parts of the country. Finally, we hope to focus on building up the WCF constituency and alumni relations.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE, GETTING INVOLVED OR PARTNERING WITH US?

We would like to know more about you and/or your church regarding your World Christian journey and alignment to God's global purposes. Consider getting involved with the WCF vision by volunteering your time, talents, and energy or investing prayer and financial resources with the movement. We welcome your questions and comments at info@wcfellowship.org and/or fill out the response card attached.

WORLD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MOVEMENT

Vision

Born out of prayer more than 30 years ago, the vision that fuels WCF is that God's global purposes includes a special role for Asian-American Christians. We believe that God did not grant Asian Americans their particular gifts, talents, and resources to hoard blessings, but to share them with the world. Thus, WCF endeavors to actively mobilize Asian Americans as World Christians to join in what God is doing in the world.

The strength of WCF is its like-minded community that unifies brothers and sisters across different churches and denominations to band together to journey towards God's purposes. Through its activities, WCF encourages their dreams, hopes, healing, growth, and careers to be aligned around God's Kingdom values.

Regional prayer groups

Prayer for God's global purposes is a core value of WCF. The original eight Pray for Asia Fellowship (PFAF) prayer groups were established between 1974-76. Since then, God has consistently called new prayer warriors to rise up to faithfully pray for the nations to replace those brothers and sisters who have launched out to the missions field.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 CHURCH: _____
 CITY AND STATE WHERE CHURCH IS LOCATED: _____



I would like to be involved:

- with intercession and prayer for the movement
 with the development of fiscal resources for the movement
 with the annual WCC conference or other events
 with the WCF newsletter or other communications
 with the WCF website or other operations

- with the WCF vision sharing
 with other (please specify): _____

- I would like to partner through finances:
 Here is my monthly donation of: \$ _____
 Here is my one time donation of: \$ _____

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