



# Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity

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## WELCOME to ISAAC!

### Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity

Your contributions will help us raise up the next generation of Asian American faith leaders! We are especially committed to the work of advancing gender equality at the pulpit. Your financial support will keep our programs for Asian American women pastors going, like PastoraLab, which trains women in the organizational and leadership skills they need for their ministries to thrive.

### OUR MISSION

We create a third space of learning where leaders in the academy, church, and community can collaboratively advance the development of Asian American faith leaders. Based on mutual learning & empowerment, our work includes mentorship, hosting conferences & seminars, and publishing resources on Asian American Christianity that crosses the boundaries of ethnicity, generation, and gender.

### Latest News For GiveInMay Campaign:

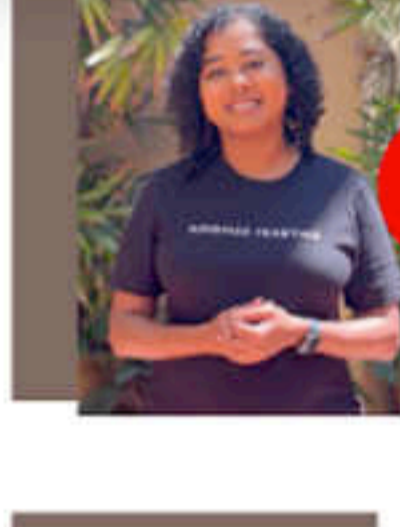
#### Russell Moy Commits \$10k Matching Fund for GiveInMay Campaign in Tribute to Late Mother

As part of the GiveInMay campaign, ISAAC will honor Dorothy Jhung Moy, Russell Moy's late mother. Because of his mother's legacy, Russell will match the first \$10,000 ISAAC raises to honor Dorothy's impactful life. Russell Moy was ISAAC's co-founder and currently serves as ISAAC's Board Chair.

### PASTORALAB

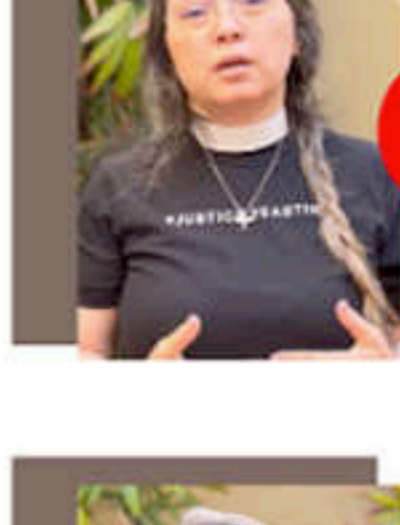
**Less than 5 percent of Asian American churches are led by women of color. Even fewer see Asian American women pastors in predominantly Asian congregations. We aim to change that.**

PastoraLab for Asian American Women Ministers is a two-year program that equips AAPI women ministers with the knowledge, learning, and empowerment to advance their pastoral leadership. Participants follow a field-based curriculum that cover Biblical foundations for an Asian American hermeneutic, organizational leadership, and economic and ecological stewardship to thrive in their ministries, and other skills to help them succeed in their ministries



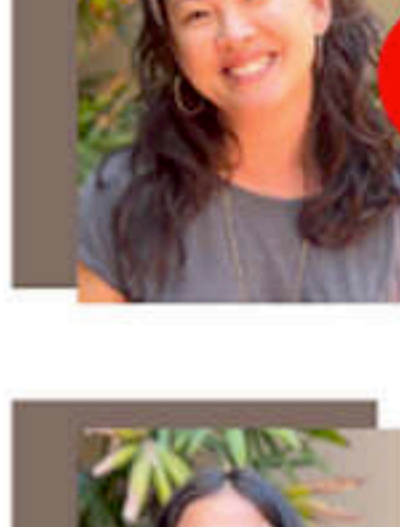
"PastoraLab has been a safe place, a safe house where I get to journey with other women who have struggled, been liberated."

Minu Thomas - LA Cohort



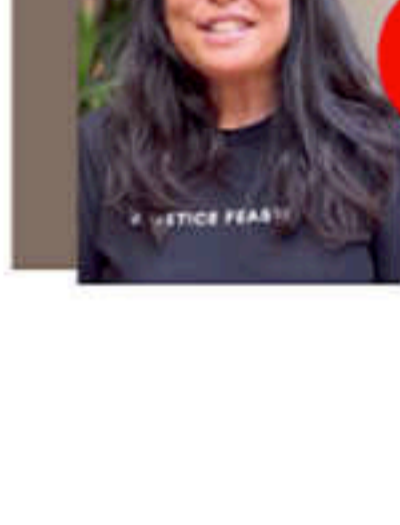
"I don't belong anywhere; I belong everywhere"

Angela Furlong - NE/SE Cohort



"A big community invitation to say how can we ask different questions."

Ruth Lin Nakai - NE/SE Cohort



"We are all in this together and I do belong here"

Cris Conicande - NoCal Cohort

### H.E.A.R.D.

**Asian American Christians are invisible in most religious research.** People without data are not a people. Therefore, there is an urgency to survey and collect data to identify and locate Asian Americans. When there is no quantifiable data other than relying on anecdotal observations, it is impossible to chart the history and trends of Asian American Christianity and to strategize how to confront emerging challenges.

There are no organizations studying Asian American Christians in an evidence-based systematic fashion.

ISAAC aims to help fill this gap by creating a Big Tent for the Asian American Christian community. Our vision is to gather Asian American Christians together to reimagine our future. Accomplishing this will require scaling our mission and inviting other groups and individuals to collaborate with us so that, as a community, we can build an inspiring, innovative, and inclusive future. With this in mind, we are launching a venture known as HEARD.



### H.onor leadership identity

Raise up ethnic Asian American leaders who are largely overlooked in society. The younger generation needs role models to emulate.

### E.ducate toward flourishing

Write and teach with a focus on advancing the welfare of the Asian American community. What do we need to know? What do we need to do?

### A.ccelerate liberating justice

Speak up for the Asian American community in justice issues. Be a voice for the unheard and connect with other people of color.

### R.econstruct narratives

We have been held captive for too long by the myth of the "model minority" script that was created by the dominant culture. We have been pitted against other minority groups when we are held up as a success story to be imitated.

### D.evelop and curate community stories

The struggles of those who have gone before us need to be told, transcribed and transmitted to future generations so that they are not forgotten. There is much suffering in our collective memory as well as triumphant stories of perseverance that need to be elevated.

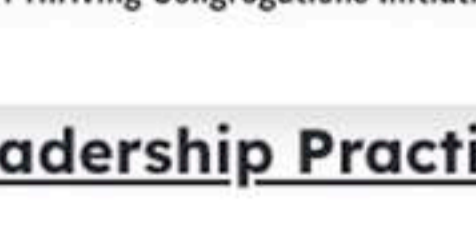
### WHEN WOMEN PREACH PODCAST

Our podcast provides resources and perspectives for AAPI and Latina women to become more effective preachers. Guests have covered topics including wrestling with Biblical texts, God and gendered language, church planting, and organizational change. The podcast is available on iTunes and Spotify.



### ASIAN AMERICAN CHURCH LEADERS PROGRAM

This training program will fill in gaps that are often overlooked in seminary training. A cohort of church teams will explore their uniqueness as Asian American Christians and the challenges of leading their congregations.

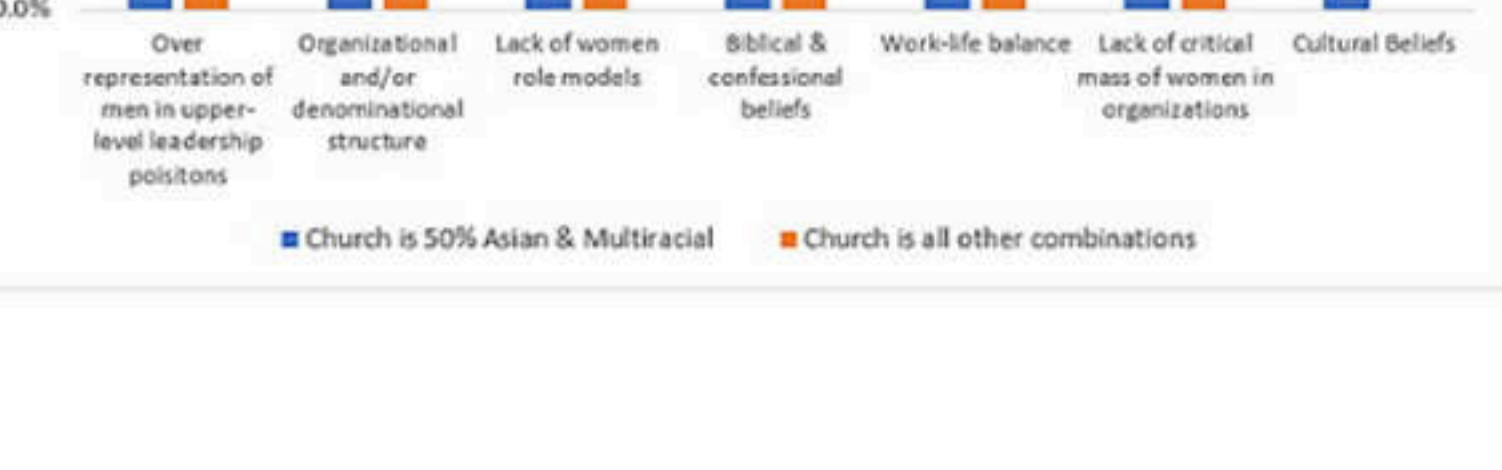


Free Program for Asian American Church Leaders  
A Thriving Congregations Initiative

### Leadership Practice

From 2022 to 2024, ISAAC conducted the pilot phase of its national survey aimed at understanding the practices, challenges, and growth trends of Asian American congregational leadership. We disseminated the survey to 800 Asian American English Language Faith communities. The preliminary results provide important findings for understanding Asian American churches including their leadership culture and participation in stopping anti-Asian hate.

New funding will allow Phase II of this research so the survey can be disseminated to our entire database of 6,000 Asian American congregations.



### PLEASE JOIN US!

Thank you in advance for supporting our vision. The fuller representation and opportunities for women ministers to serve the body of Christ will make churches thrive once again and bear witness to the authentic gospel. Would you consider investing in gifted women ministers for the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12)?