

# In Mission

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

*Romans 12:2*

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## Catalyst Discipleship

### *Leading People Into God's Mission*

Rev. Mike Lange

Dr. David Kim refers to "Catalyst Disciples" as those who are committed to the task of leading people into God's mission of

- seeking the lost;
- discipling of the found/saved;
- multiplying disciple-makers and churches globally (global and local).

They are humble (broken), teachable, available, and accountable to each other in the task of being and making disciples of Jesus. "We don't want to just disciple people and have the process end," states David. "We desire to make disciples that are equipped and excited about becoming disciple-makers."

While many Christians claim to know what the Great Commission of Jesus is, when asked the following, few would be able to respond with a strong yes to each:

- Have I evangelized and discipled someone within the last month?
- Are you being discipled by someone and are discipling someone?
- Do leaders in your church lead people to faith and disciple them?

Are you, like Jesus, committed to the ultimate purpose of seeking the lost and discipling the found and multiply disciple-making leaders globally?



Rev. Dr. David Kim, LINC Houston Mission Director

The Great Commission, as told in Matthew 28: 16-20 states, Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

LINC Houston Mission Director Rev. Dr. David Kim says, “When you make disciples, you see a great commission church and not a great omission church. Giving your life to discipling is risky and rewarding. I have experienced both and I have found that the reward of multiplication outweighs the risk of being betrayed.”

Why has Dr. Kim dedicated his life to this work?

“[I have dedicated my life because of] the amazing grace of Jesus that saves me, the compelling love of God and seeking the lost of making disciples in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,” Kim said. “The God I know from the Bible and my experiences is a missional God.”

Dr. Kim will be at the CNH District Office on Thursday, October 15 for a one-day Catalyst Discipleship Conference at the District Office (2772 Constitution Dr. # A, Livermore, CA 94551). For more information on this event, email Mike Lange at [mike@cnh-lcms.org](mailto:mike@cnh-lcms.org) or Glenna Sanlis at [glenna@cnhcef.org](mailto:glenna@cnhcef.org).



## *Multiplying Disciples — Why Is This Important?*

After 27 years of congregational and mission leadership, this is the primary lesson I have learned: Next to the blessing and power of the Holy Spirit, the most important building block for spiritual and numerical growth within Christ's Church is the forming of disciples that are disciple-makers. My friend David Kim calls these people “catalyst disciples.” I believe becoming a catalyst disciple is a conscious shift in actions and priorities in the way you live and order your interaction with God’s people and those who are still far from God. Studying this principle is profoundly different than practicing it in “real time.” Word and Sacrament are God’s roadways in which he brings us gifts of love, forgiveness and power. Catalyst disciples birth fertile new followers of Jesus who will continue to be the church and live the mission of Christ in the world.

If you would like to be a mission prayer partner for your congregation or are interested in Direct Missionary Support for one of our eligible missionaries, please contact Pastor Mike Lange, [mike@cnh-lcms.org](mailto:mike@cnh-lcms.org) or his assistant, Glenna Sanlis, [glenna@cnhcef.org](mailto:glenna@cnhcef.org).