



2018 Summer Interns

In 2018, four interns served in their home or host churches in NY and NJ. Pictured above from left to right are: Milton Eng (Project Director), Steve Xia (Southern Seminary), Joshua Ye (SUNY Buffalo), Edmund Chen (SUNY Binghamton) and Ellie Sohn (Disciples NYC). They served at Living Stone Christian Church (picture), Chinese for Christ NY, Brooklyn Alliance and Disciples NYC, respectively. Steve is now a PhD student in New Testament at Southern.

Our 2016 group was also a blessing. On the inside picture left to right are: Brandon Fong (Rutgers), Zachary Cho (Moody), Tiffany Gong (Wheaton), Milton Eng (Project Director), Michael Hoi (Westminster) and Ben Miller (Virginia Theological Seminary). They served in congregations in NY and NJ including Chinese Christian of NJ, Great Commission Bible, First Evangelical Free, Grace Community Chapel and St. Paul's Englewood.

Interns served in various capacities including preaching, teaching, VBS, discipleship, mid-week Bible studies and visual art. Each week they met together with the director to discuss readings on Asian American ministry and their own self-assessments like the Enneagram.

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Third Space AA is a startup parachurch nonprofit providing resources and special programs to serve the Asian American Christian community and community at large. These include seminars, internships, research/publications and special projects.

Third Space is founded and led by Rev. Milton Eng, PhD, an independent Hebrew Bible scholar and minister in the NY and NJ area for over 25 years.

He is co-editor of *Devotions on the Hebrew Bible* (Zondervan 2015) and contributor to the *Dictionary of Christianity and Science* and forthcoming *Baker Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*.

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Exploring Vocational Ministry 2021

A Mentoring Grant by
Third Space Asian America



Sensing God's Call to Ministry?

There is an overwhelming need for ministers to lead the second generation, English language ministries of immigrant Asian churches. Few from this generation go into ministry, many opting instead for high salaried professional careers at the urging of their parents.

To assist Asian American congregations in the NY and NJ areas to address this urgent need, Third Space Asian America is now offering a one-on-one mentoring grant over a five-month period beginning in the fall of 2021. The candidate chosen will work closely with their pastor and/or church leader to discern God's calling upon their life through their ministry activities, self-assessment tools and monthly mentoring sessions. Both the mentee and mentor will receive a stipend as part of this project.

Attention: pastors and church leaders!

Is there someone in your congregation or fellowship in whom you see "potential" or someone you would like to mentor? This program is for you. Third Space will provide the structure and accountability to make it work. Studies show that the best future ministers are those who are raised up and mentored from within.



Program Highlights

- Third Space Asian America is pleased to announce that it has received a small grant from the Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) in Atlanta to help underwrite this program.
- "Exploring Vocational Ministry" (EVM) is jointly funded by Third Space AA and the local church. Both the candidate and mentoring leader will receive a stipend. The local church will contribute \$500 and Third Space will cover the remaining cost. In addition, there will be transportation, food and book subsidies.
- The duration of this mentoring grant will be five months beginning in the fall of 2021.
- The accepted candidate will (a) engage in at least one ministry activity, (b) complete self-assessment and reading assignments, (c) meet with his or her mentor once a month.
- Specifics of the program can be adapted and adjusted as needed by the mentor and mentee.
- This project will be directed by Milton Eng, founder and director of Third Space Asian America. He will coordinate, document and troubleshoot all program activities.
- At the end of the program, a report and summary of results will be co-authored by the mentor, mentee and director for the benefit of the local congregation, mentee and FTE.
- EVM is similar to and an extension of the Summer Ministry Internship programs sponsored by Third Space in 2016 and 2018.
- Applications are now being accepted. A Pastoral or Lay Leader Recommendation is required. Go to www.thirdspaceaa.org for further details and to download an application. Deadline for submission is **September 1, 2021**.
- Feel free to contact Milton Eng with questions at miltoneng@thirdspaceaa.org.