

## A New Beginning

On August 19, 2006, the Sacramento Japanese-American Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Elk Grove-Laguna Seventh-day Adventist Church officially merged and became one congregation. The following Sabbath, August 26, 2006, the church selected a new name; and today, we are known as the All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church of Elk Grove (ANSDAC).

Our new name is biblical – based on Matthew 28:18-20 and Revelation 14:6-12. The Church is commanded to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19), and to preach the Gospel to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people (Revelation 14:6). In addition, we are a unique and culturally diverse congregation representing 23 countries.

As the church's shepherd, I fully believe that our congregation was established to proclaim the saving grace of Jesus Christ to all peoples in the context of Revelation 14:6-12. Our purpose is to lead individuals to accept Christ as their personal Savior, to unite with His church, nurture one another as we prepare for Christ's soon appearing.

Dear brothers and sisters, I pray that we are a spiritual lighthouse in our community and beyond until Jesus comes again!

Sincerely,

Dr. VicLouis Arreola III