



Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Asian American & Pacific Islander Advisory Board

Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa

Board Member

The Reverend Mark M. Nakagawa is a Los Angeles native who was born and raised in the Crenshaw area. He was ordained an Elder in The United Methodist Church (UMC) in 1988 by Bishop Leontine Kelly, the first African American female elected to the UMC Episcopacy in 1984.

He was appointed as the West District Superintendent in 2016, where he oversees approximately 80 congregations in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area. Prior to this appointment Rev. Mark pastored congregations in Sacramento, West Los Angeles, and most recently Centenary United Methodist Church in Little Tokyo, the church he attended as a child when it was located on the corner of Normandie Ave. and 35th Street in South-Central L.A.

Mark is a graduate of UCLA (B.A.-1978) and the Pacific School of Religion (M.Div.-1985) and has served the United Methodist Church on the local, regional and national levels.