



DAC

Derwood Alliance Church

Celebrating Fifty Years

1965-2015

A Brief History of DAC

1960s

Derwood Alliance Church (DAC) was born out of passion from First Alliance Church of Silver Spring to reach the growing Rockville-Gaithersburg area. Under Rev. William R. Mock, the foundations for ministry were laid in the late 1960s, and a building was established to serve as a base for that ministry.



1970s

The 1970s were years where the Lord used Rev. David A. Pletincks to disciple a growing family of believers, including a number of individuals who were to have a significant long-term impact on the ministries of the church. Men and women were saved and baptized, and several significant miraculous healings were recorded during this period of time—all evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the congregation.

1980s

In 1981 Rev. Larry A. Lane and his wife, Carol, arrived. From there, the early ministries of DAC began to bear much fruit. A number of young people, some of whom had grown up in the church, encountered missions first hand through DAC's first short-term missions trips; other young people left to prepare for full-time Christian ministry as pastors and missionaries.



1990s



In the late 1980s and early 1990s, we witnessed the Lord using DAC to plant our first Great Commission churches. What began as a Bible study of three led in 1988 to the start of the Rockville Hispanic Alliance Church under Rev. Jaime Benites. Then on Easter Sunday of 1990, approximately 125 people from DAC helped Rev. David Arnold begin the Hope Alliance Church in Germantown. In 1991, DAC loaned three families to help Dr. David Wong begin the Washington International Church in Washington, DC.

In November of 2000, Rev. Junichi Saigo began The Washington Alliance Japanese Church in Rockville as a result of our ministry to internationals.

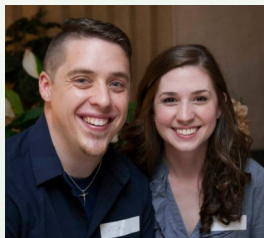


In 1993 Dr. Robert T. Wenz and his wife, Suellen, arrived and helped bring a global focus on world missions to DAC. The moving of the Holy Spirit in our congregation in the 1990s stirred a number of both young people and adults to enter full-time Christian service as pastors and missionaries, and over 50 individuals have participated in short-term missions. This is also when a season of pruning began at DAC.

2000s

In August of 2004 Rev. Douglas G. Conley and his wife, Julie, arrived and the investment in global missions continued with a Strategic North African Partnership, a study trip to Israel for a group of DAC attenders, and additional international trips. Local initiatives included the planting of Lifetree Cafe, a venue where people from our community continue to have important spiritual conversations. This season also seems to have been a season of continued pruning and preparation for what God has next.

In 2006 Jen Ashby, CWM joined the staff and is currently DAC's Executive Director of Ministries. In 2013, Linnea Allen joined the team as our Administrative Assistant. In 2014, Tim Allen joined as our Youth Director and Katie Boss joined as our Worship Director.



Present

In 2015 Rev. Mark Trinkl and his wife Nami, along with their four children, Honna, Jehu, Jadon, and Annali joined DAC to begin what is another chapter for the church.



Future

With 50 years behind us, we believe that God has great things in store for us as we look to the future. God has placed us in one of the most diverse counties in the nation and with over 80,000 people within 3 miles of the church the opportunities to see the gospel transform lives, families, and communities are endless.

DAC Fun Facts



Since 1978, DAC has seen over 480 professions of faith in Jesus, and 240 professions of faith confirmed in believer's baptism.

Throughout her history, DAC has seen over 20 people called and sent into vocational ministry in the United States and overseas.

From 1980-2014, the people of DAC have given over 2.3 million dollars to the Great Commission Fund for

Christian & Missionary Alliance work around the world.

Currently, the people of DAC represent five continents and at least 13 countries.

Currently, 36% of our regular attenders on Sunday mornings are under 18 years old.



Messages for DAC

“My family and I moved into the beautiful parsonage on 7104 Roslyn Avenue in October of 1970. We enjoyed eleven years of ministry at Derwood Alliance until the summer of 1981 when we moved to Nyack, New York. During our years at Derwood, we served with many individuals such as Steve Bedi, Bob Burns, Ron Eastman, John Grimes, Cleve Hopkins, Walt Pasedag, Dave Schaefer, Galen Siddall, Tim Spurling, and John Ryser. Some memories of my time at Dac include the church adopting Ngoc-Buu and Kim-Dung Lam, refugees who had escaped during the fall of Viet Nam in 1975 and praying with the Magruder football team for before every home and away game. We have so many wonderful memories!”

- Rev. David Pletincks (1970-1981)

“Carol and I treasure the memories of our life and ministry at DAC. It was a place for firsts for us - first senior pastorate, birthplace of all five of our children, and so many other ministry ‘firsts.’ Congratulations for fifty years filled with stories of transformed lives. We love you and wish we could be there to celebrate with you.”

- Rev. Larry Lane (1981-1992)

“Congratulations on 50 years of ministry. Julie and I are very happy to have been a part of DAC for some of those years. We love you and regret that we could not be there for the celebration. We are excited to hear about the changes (especially the removal of the trailer) that are occurring, the fresh outreaches you are doing and the new folks being added to the congregation. We celebrate with you!”

- Rev. Doug Conley (2004-2014)