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Proposal

In Korean-American churches, understanding cultural differences, building Christ-centered identity, and cultivating a healthy relationship with God will effectively bridge the gap between the first and the second generation of Korean Americans. The first-generation Korean Americans have more cultural elements of Korean heritage while the second-generation Korean Americans tend to hold American culture more than Korean culture. These cultural differences are in many areas, including communication and organizational structure. The church leaders need to be aware of the issues and the importance of cross-cultural effectiveness to create healthy relationships effectively. A solution for the issue should be also based on “Christ-centered identity” as having a brave to move the next step to go for the next generation in the church, not only finding a cultural compromise between two cultures.¹ The essential step is to cultivate a healthy relationship with God, on a personal level. The biblical foundation will promote the intercultural relationship to build a healthy community in the church. By overcoming the difference, the generations of Korean Americans will experience unity and harmony in their ministry while they also discover their uniqueness. The experience will also help the church members to approach a further vision for God.

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