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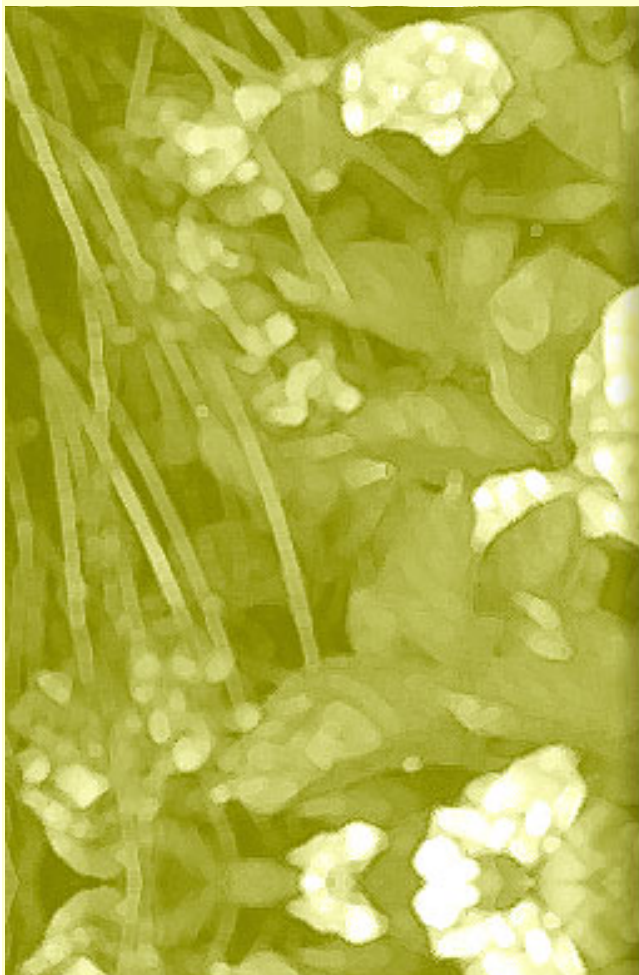


Next Sunday, November 9th FCC-LI will *hopefully* host a Q & A discussion session with Adult Adoptees from AKA (www.alsoknownas.org). We need a minimum of 6 more people to hold the date. **If you would like to attend, PLEASE register ONLINE today at www.fccny.org**- just follow the links for "event registration".

Where ever you are in your journey as an adoptive parent, whether you are lingering and waiting or juggling a full house -whether you are a parent, grandparent, guardian, teacher - this event is for you.

We are fortunate to welcome back this informative and inspirational group of young adults who have generously agreed to share their perspectives, experiences, and feelings as transracial and/or international adoptees.

It is our hope that you will embrace the gifts they share with us, and attend this very special event.



A few years ago, I had spent the day at an annual adoption conference that our agency, New Beginnings, holds. The conference was wonderful - we were able to sit in with social workers, various adoption experts, and adoptive parents, etc. But at the end of the day, I had signed up to sit in on an adoptive panel. It consisted of quite a few teenagers who had been adopted from Korea. And of all the seminars that day, I found the adoptee panel to be the most powerful. They were so honest about their experiences - they truly helped us as parents to get an understanding of what issues our own children might face - what it was like to be the only Asian kid in their community, or their families for that matter, what thoughts they had about their birth parents. As parents, we know the joys of adoption - but for our children, there are losses in adoption as well - loss of birth parents, of language and culture. The more open we are, and the more we listen to other adoptees, the better job we can do as parents.

Please join us as FCC-LI hosts an adoptee panel with Also-Known-As - a group of young-adult Korean adoptees - on Sunday, November 9, 2008 from 2:30-4:30 at the First United Methodist Church, 25 Broadway, Amityville, NY 11701.

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Questions, comments, feedback? Please email or call me
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\$10 per person (members and their guests)

\$20 per person, non-members

Coffee and Cake will be served

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