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Training on Young Ambassadors of Peace in Asia

The Christian Conference of Asia is pleased to invite applications from young people between the age of 20-30 to attend a training program on “Young Ambassadors of Peace in Asia (YAPA)”, which will be held from 12 - 18 June 2016 at CCA headquarters in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

The proposed program of YAPA aims to identify and train a new generation of young peace activists for building peace. In order to achieve this goal, a team of 200 young people across Asia will be trained at national and regional levels in the coming years and commissioned by CCA as Young Ambassadors of Peace in Asia, and they will be companions and advocates for peace. The process will start from 2016 onwards. In 2018, CCA will organize “Asia Youth Assembly on Peace in Asia (AYAPA)”, a major youth event that will focus on youth for building peace in Asia. The YAPA participants are also expected to contribute in the facilitation of AYAPA.

The training program builds on the principles of non-formal education, focusing on intercultural and interfaith learning as a base for addressing topics such as conflict transformation and peace-building. It emphasises the links between intercultural and interfaith dialogue, human rights, and conflict transformation as key elements in long-term sustainable peace processes, while exploring and developing participants' knowledge, skills, attitudes and values. Participants will have the chance for transforming learning into practice by initiating various activities in their community to support youth participation and contribution to peace-building processes through the program.

The main objectives of this training program are:

- To promote the presence and role of young people as positive actors of change in peace-building processes;
- To strengthen the role of young people in identifying and speaking up against human rights violations, including discrimination, hate speech and those human rights violations affecting especially young people and children;
- To support the field presence and activity of young people in Asia by fostering cooperation with key stakeholders, partners, non-governmental organisations working in the field of peace-building.
- To develop the impact and the expertise of Asia's youth sector in conflict affected areas through non-formal education activities with young people;
- To develop the competencies of youth peace ambassadors in promotion and protection of human dignity, conflict transformation, peace-building, intercultural and interfaith dialogue, as well as other specific competencies according to the participants needs, related to their role as future ambassadors;
- To enhance the youth ambassadors' capacity to take action at a local level in environments affected by previous or ongoing conflicts;
- To create and support an Asian network of youth peace ambassadors to secure the sustainability and long-term impact of the project.

CCA will be responsible for covering the following expenses related to the board and lodging of all participants. A limited number of travel bursaries will be provided up on request. Those who are intending to apply travel subsidies should indicate the estimated amount of the cheapest and most direct international ticket costs).

Applications

Please send applications to CCA along with the following documents:

- Short Curriculum Vitae describing both educational/professional experience and ecumenical/church involvement
- Letter of recommendation from member church/ecumenical organisation
- A letter stating the applicant's motivation to work as an ambassador of peace

Criteria for Applicants:

- Between 20-30 years of age
- Ability to use English language independently in both written and oral communication
- Be motivated to learn and to apply the YAPA values and approaches for peace-building when they return to their home country

Deadline for receiving application is 14 May 2016. Selection will be based on competence, confessional and gender balances, sub-regional and institutional representation, and ability to contribute and participate in enriching the content of YAPA.