

Christian Conference of Asia

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Asian Ecumenical Institute - 2017 ***“Prophetic Witness to the Truth and Light in Asia”***

To:

*Member Churches and Councils of the CCA
Ecumenical Organisations*

Dear Ecumenical Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the annual ‘Asian Ecumenical Institute (AEI)’ of 2017 will take place in Yangon, Myanmar from 25 September to 20 October 2017, in conjunction with the Asia Mission Conference (AMC) - 2017, which will also be held in Yangon, Myanmar (11 to 17 October). The intensive month-long ecumenical formation training programme of the CCA will give opportunities for the AEI - 2017 participants to attend the Asia Mission Conference and other related events, including the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the CCA.

CCA member churches and councils are encouraged to nominate names of suitable candidates to attend the AEI - 2017.

Asian Ecumenical Institute – 2017

The main objective of the AEI is to train young ecumenists and prospective church and ecumenical leaders in Asia through an intensive month-long training. The AEI has been designed to help participants to envision wider ecumenism with new theological insights, which will empower them to understand the concept and scope of ecumenism from a strong sense of rootedness in one’s own Christian faith, tradition, heritage, as well as involving them in the crossing of boundaries across denominational/confessional, cultural, social, economic and political strata.

The opportunities for living together in an inter-cultural and inter-denominational settings, worshipping together and learning together about Asia’s emerging realities, and identifying ways of developing ecumenical responses contextually will be an enriching and unique experience for each participant of the AEI.

The theme of AEI – 2017 will be ‘*Prophetic Witness to the Truth and Light, in Asia*’.

The AEI – 2017 will aim at:

- Training a new group of prospective ecumenical leaders in Asia – men and women, laity, youth, clergy and seminary students who are committed to ecumenism and ecumenical values;
- Equipping prospective church leaders with sound theological, socio-political and practical skills with wider ecumenical vision, tools of analysis of the Asian reality and the development of leadership skills;
- Enhancing capacities to respond effectively to contemporary ecumenical challenges; and,
- Assisting participants to develop Asian and international ecumenical networks.

Who can apply?

- Young pastors, theological students, church workers, lay members who are nominated and recommended by their respective churches and ecumenical councils or other ecumenical organisations in Asia;
- Persons who are below 35 years;
- Persons who are interested in widening their ecumenical perspectives and to share their learning when they return to their respective countries.

How to Apply

- Download the application form from the CCA website.
- Submit the application form to the CCA, along with the following documents:
 - Curriculum Vitae describing ecumenical and church involvement.
 - Letter of recommendation from church / ecumenical organisation.

Cost

An amount of US \$2400 will be the total costs for a participant of the AEI (Board and Lodging per head for one month: US \$1800; Registration Fee: US \$100; Tuition fee: US \$500). In addition to this, travel expenses also will be added to the cost depending upon the air ticket costs.

Scholarship / Travel bursaries

The CCA will offer a full or partial scholarship to deserving applicants, recommended and endorsed by member churches / councils.

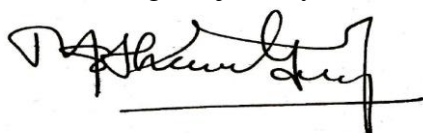
Limited travel grants also will be made available for candidates applying from South and South East Asian countries. Participants from East Asia and Australasia will have to pay for their own travel costs from their home country to Yangon and return. However, candidates from East Asia and Australasia are eligible to avail full or partial scholarships to cover tuition fee and board and lodging expenses.

Completed applications for the AEI – 2017 should be submitted no later than **15 July 2017**, addressed to Prof Dr. C. Srisoontorn: chulee@cca.org.hk; Fax: + 66 53 247 303.

Selection will be based on competence, gender and confessional balances, sub-regional representations, and ability to communicate in English, as well as to contribute and participate actively in the month-long training of the AEI.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Yours along the journey,



Mathews George Chunakara
General Secretary, CCA