



Christian Conference of Asia

Asian Ecumenical Institute (AEI) – 2020

‘God, Renew Us in Your Spirit and Restore the Creation’

13 August–11 September 2020

Kerala, India

(At three cities in Kerala State- Kochi, Kottayam, Thiruvananthapuram, and at CCA General Assembly venue Kovalam)

12 February 2020

To

The Heads of CCA Member Churches and Member Councils

Dear Ecumenical Colleagues,

Greetings from the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

We are pleased to inform you that the Asian Ecumenical Institute (AEI) – 2020 will be held from 13 August–11 September 2020 (arrival on 13 August and departure on 11 September) in Kerala, India, in conjunction with the 15th General Assembly of CCA.

The AEI, a month-long ecumenical formation training course annually organised by the CCA, is aimed at training young prospective Asian church and ecumenical leaders.

A team of prominent theologians and ecumenists with professional expertise at the international level will be the main resource-persons throughout the training. The living together of participants from various Asian countries in an inter-cultural and inter-denominational setting, worshipping together, and learning the emerging socio-economic and political realities and analysing them with biblical and theological perspectives will help the participants to learn ecumenism in a wider perspective and respond contextually.

Admissions will be limited only to twenty-four participants, and they will be selected upon the recommendations of the leadership of CCA's member churches, councils and related constituencies. As the AEI will be held in conjunction with the 15th General Assembly of CCA (3–10 September 2020) which will be held at Kovalam, in Kerala State of India, all AEI-2020 participants will be given opportunities to attend and experience the CCA Assembly. The AEI participants will be able to register as observers, and this will provide to them a wider ecumenical experience and exposure through their full-time participation at the 15th General Assembly.

The AEI-2020 will substantially focus on the theme of the CCA General Assembly: *'God, Renew Us in Your Spirit and Restore the Creation'*.

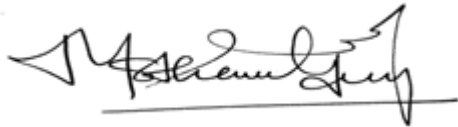
The training course spanning over a month will be held in three different cities in Kerala, namely, Kochi, Kottayam, and Thiruvananthapuram. The participants will reside at the Assembly venue during the last week of the training. The valedictory session of the AEI will be held on 10 September.

Those who are interested in attending the AEI-2020 must send in their applications with proper endorsements by 15 March 2020. Selection of the participants will be based on competence, academic and work experiences, especially their ecclesial and ecumenical commitment, and keeping in mind gender and confessional balances, sub-regional representations, and their ability to effectively communicate in English.

The deadline for receiving the completed applications is 15 March 2020. Detailed information of AEI-2020 and the application process is available together with the attached background information.

With all good wishes,

Yours along the journey,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mathews George Chunakara', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Mathews George Chunakara
General Secretary, CCA