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Message of the WSCF Asia Pacific Chairperson

Dear Friends of WSCF Asia Pacific,

Shalom!



2010 was indeed a challenging and rewarding year for WSCF AP as the pages of this 2010 Annual Report will hopefully illustrate. This year, we focused on Climate Justice as an over-arching theme to deepen our understanding and provide new perspective on God’s command to Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:27-28, “to multiply and subdue the Earth.” Re-reading the text with critical lens gives us new insight on the intrinsic and symbiotic relationship between human beings and nature and our role as God’s stewards of his creation.

In light of this theme, our major programs and activities in 2010 such as the 19th Regional Committee Meeting in Indonesia and the Student Empowerment for Transformation (SET) in 2010 Sri Lanka engaged our student members on the challenges we face due to the ecological crisis. Although this theme is not new to the work of the Federation, we have made special effort this year to expand the space at the regional level for the SCMs to explore and adopt this in their national SCMs. It is therefore our hope that through our work in 2010, the SCMs will develop their own initiatives on Climate Justice at the grassroots level.

This year, we also celebrate the growing life and dynamism of new movements in Nepal, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea (PNG). While some of our more established movements are experiencing some ebb in their life, we have hope and continue to celebrate the growing life in some movements that have been dormant for years but are now being revived with new students and young people taking the lead.

I invite you read the Annual Report and finally, I wish to thank my predecessor, Daw Yin Yin Maw and the previous members of the Standing Committee for their leadership in the previous term and the regional staff for their work and steadfast commitment to WSCF AP.

God bless and Terima Kasih!

Jahartap Yustin Pasaribu

Chairperson WSCF AP

2010 - 2012

Message from the WSCF Asia Pacific Regional Secretary



Let me begin by thanking all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Federation in the more than 5 years as the Regional Secretary. In this Annual Report, I share my reflection on the vision of WSCF and a summary of the programs and activities in 2010.

The world today as we know it, is far from the vision of the establishment of God's Kingdom and the OIKOMENE (household of God). The hegemony of modern-day Empire, comparing it to Mammon in the biblical times, brings so much destruction and misery to the household of God, so that its easy to loose hope and give-up the vision. Neo-liberal capitalist economic systems not only failed miserably to reduce the enormous gap between the rich and poor, let alone reduce poverty, but it created a global ecological crisis unprecedented in the history of the world and humankind. The "Global War on Terror" and the ensuing conflicts and violence in the Middles East, South Asia and East Asia, instigated by global military power, completely contradicts the vision of God's Kingdom of Love, Peace and Justice, the *Basileia*. WCC aptly describes this situation in the AGAPE (*Alternative Globalization Addressing People and Earth*) process "We live in a time of Empire, the coherence of economic, cultural, political and military power that constitute global systems of domination directed by powerful nations and organization." We as Christian are therefore called to resist the Empire and be transformative agents in building alternative Just, participatory and sustainable communities.

The Asia Pacific region is a pidgin of these glaring problems of inequalities, contradictions brought about by the ideology and systems of the Empire. We have 2 of the world fastest-growing economies and population, China (1.3 B) and India (1.18 B) comprising 40% of the total 6.8 billion people, we are also home to the poorest of the poor. We continue be the second front of the US global" War on Terror" happening in peripheries of South Asia (Afghanistan, Pakistan), North-east Asia (North Korea), South-east Asia (Philippines, Indonesia). World church leaders have predicted that the center of Christianity has shifted from the West to the South, Africa, Asia and LAC in the 21st Century. What does these challenges means to us as SCMerS and the ecumenical movement in general?

Dietriech Bonhoeffer, in his book *The Cost of Discipleship* tried to answer "What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today?" He surmise that sacrifice is an essential component of our Faith, because following Christ is a "costly discipleship." Christian life means a continuing commitment to be involved in the contemporary Jesus' Movement, the Movement that struggle to resist the Empire, to take part in the transformation of our world and truly build God's Kingdom or *Basileia* within our

different contexts. We are called to desist any form of idolatry, as the Barbem Confession reminds us that, “ Jesus Christ, as he is proclaimed in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God to which we have to listen, and which we have to trust and obey in life and death.”

We come together as SCMerS because of our faith in God and Jesus Christ. A faith that liberates, empowers, brings hope and inspires us to act with love, justice and compassion. We believe in a common ecumenical vision of the *Basileia* and strive to achieve this vision. I begin with the context and the vision as a challenge to remind ourselves that we do as SCMerS, are not for ourselves, as we sing in the SCM Solidarity song, but as faithful witnesses of God’s will in today’s world. Let us therefore reflect on how far has WSCF A-P and the SCMerS have been faithful to this great ecumenical vision.

WSCF Asia Pacific in 2010: A Brief Evaluation and Summary

Human Rights Justice and Peace (HRJP) Programme

WSCF AP and SCM advances and promote common concerns for justice, peace and human rights. In our own humble way, we responded to the call for specific justice issues for Migrants and Trafficked people, for ecological justice, for Human Rights for all, and Gender Justice. These were the issues and themes of two HR Regional Workshops that we organized which aims to encourage the movements to critically look at these issues, and hopefully enable us to respond in our local situations. Around 20 SCMerS have participated in the HRJP Workshop to learn about Civil and Political Rights, reflect from the Bible, listen and be in solidarity with people in the communities and plan our actions together. Over the years, I have seen many of the SCMerS who participated in these Workshops pursued commitments to these issues and engage in the marginalized communities in a much deeper way. However, I feel that we can do more as a network, the challenge is how do we seriously consider the recommendations and plan of actions that have come-out from these programs?

At the regional and global levels, we sustained and made visible work on Human Rights and Justice and Peace advocacy by responding to call for actions and solidarity. These advocacies and campaigns have been guided by the resolutions passed by the last RCM on the following issues: ***Human and Extra-judicial Killings in the Philippine and Morong 43, Migration and Trafficking, Democracy and Human Rights in Myanmar, Peace-building in East Timor, Peace on Gaza.*** By raising our voices to these issues and campaigns, we respond and work in solidarity with the victims and the marginalized as a Christian community.

Ecumenical Leadership Formation Programme

Leadership formation remains our core work in WSCF, this is our ‘expected output’ in the wider ecumenical movement. As a senior friend myself, I believe that ecumenical formation does not happen in a single program, it is a result cumulative experience and praxis at the national and international levels. Most of the experience of leadership are gained from active involvement in life local SCMerS, one

may therefore ask what is the added-value of WSCF Program like the SET in 2010 and SELF in 2009? And what will this mean to the 50 SCMerS who have participated in both programs? First, it deepens our understanding of our Faith and broadens our perspective on the issues Climate Justice, of human rights, poverty, because the opportunities for learning is broader. We begin to appreciate the diverse situations and locate our context within this diversity. We learn to analyze the connections, the patterns, the root-causes, the differences and see the 'bigger picture.' Therefore our framework of understanding is enriched and deepens. Second, we also hope that our Leadership Formation promotes an alternative leadership model and culture, a model that challenges the traditional models and practice of hierarchy, patriarchy and personal patronage that are all operating in our different contexts. Third, we hope that the program contributes in developing critical-thinking and perspective, realizing that our traditional learning institutions have long turn their backs on this responsibility. Not just critical-thinking, but critical-thinking with understanding, analyzing and reflecting, with PRAXIS.

Ecumenical Networking and Cooperation

The Ecumenical Movement is seriously in crisis. This I've heard from the leaders of WCC, CCA, Roman Catholic Church and other ecumenical bodies. It is a crisis of the institution, the vehicle that will facilitate ecumenical cooperation and witness in order for the ecumenical vision to be realized. The need to work together with like-minded groups becomes more apparent in building grassroots ecumenism in this so-called 'ecumenical winter.' As the new churches in Asia becomes more and more sectarian and constricted, the need to promote ecumenism becomes even greater among the young people today. EASYNET therefore is an important platform to expand and enrich our ecumenical vision at the grassroots. In the last two-years, we continue to lead in strengthening the network by sharing our experience and bringing the necessary impetus even in seemingly hopeless situations. I believe that it is through actual engagement and action that we learn ecumenical cooperation. I would like to thank the SCMerS, who continue to lead and support the National Ecumenical Teams (NETs) in their own country.

We continue to cooperate with the CCA in different levels, but the Youth Work itself in CCA is needing much revitalization and re-envisioning from within. This was one of the reason why we came full-force in the CCA Assembly in KL, to help advocate for the prioritization and attention to the youth work in the CCA. In my opinion, the youth has been the casualty of the institutional crisis that has engulfed the ecumenical movement.

Regional Women's Programme (RWP)

In 2010, WSCF continued to equip our young women with tools to develop critical feminist thinking through Feminist Theology and raising awareness of the women's issues at the national level. Three WSCF and SCM Joint Program were organized in Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Japan with young women student members of SCM wrestling with the issues that women and their communities are facing. As we continue to raise consciousness among young women, the work of some movements with women and gender have noticeable declined.

Publications and Communication

Our publications have strengthened our ability to communicate our stories and the life of the SCMs and understand the themes and issues that we are responding to as a Federation. The last 7 seven issues of PRAXIS dealt on the themes and issues of women and economic globalization, on the culture of peace, human rights and democracy, on peace and reconciliation, on identity, diversity and dialogue, on climate justice, and on women and identity. We hope that through PRAXIS we were able to help develop perspectives and theological reflections on the themes of the Federation. Our Annual Reports have likewise gave detailed account of what we do in our effort to update, show transparency and share the our lessons from our experiences. This has been particularly helpful to our church partners, who needed to listen to our stories and share this to their members as well. We also re-designed and re-developed our website and brochure through the generous help of some senior friends. We hope that by doing so, we are able to reach to a broader number of young people who are looking for alternative space to communicate and express their faith through action.

Challenges

As the regional office goes through a transition period and change of leadership in the next few months, there is indeed room for improvement.

- We continue to face financial challenge as our partners churches goes through radical changes due to dwindling resources. The impact of the Global Financial Crisis came to our door-step, as churches suffer terrible losses and reduced funding to WSCF by 30% in 2010. The Global Exco was not able to meet in the last two years due to lack of resources and our IRO needed to make radical changes in its capacity to function due to the same. We need to address this situation in the next two years and make some adjustment internally within the AP region as well.
- We need to deepen our faith reflections and sharpen our social analytical tools continuously. Some people may call it old-fashioned, but I truly believe that the rigors of social analysis, faith reflections, prayer and bible studies are lacking in the life of the movements. Our view and analysis of the world around us will change, but the discipline that we are known for as ecumenical student movements needs to be affirmed.
- WSCF, as a century-old organization needs to adapt to the current context. Our organizational structure, systems, definitions and notions needs to be re-assessed and reflected upon to mirror the vision and life of the Federation. For example, the reality of migration of people challenges us to examine the notion of 'membership,' the overly powerful regional structures has prevented us to truly appreciate the gift of global character of our ecumenical family. Another example is that WSCF work and responsibilities have largely been molded in a patriarchal working culture and structure. As we strive to build an inclusive community and strengthen women and men partnership, we should likewise strive to build and promote inclusive structures within WSCF.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve and work with all of you and I hope that we will continue our ecumenical journey towards the fullness of life. In particular, I would like to thank members of the Standing Committee (past and present), the two AP chairpersons I've worked with Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, who has been our Spiritual compass and Daw Yinyin Maw, for her wisdom and motherly approach to the challenges that we face. To the Global Officers (past and present) for the example of shared-leadership and the common love for WSCF, for the IRO Staff for their diligence and patience. To my AP office family, Yock Leng, Sunita, Mr. Mock, Yin Che for the support, friendship and understanding over the years.

My faith and activism have sustained me all through the nearly six years that I have been with WSCF. This has made me closer to God and enriched my faith journey as a Christian activist and a feminist as I continue my journey as WSCF senior friend. Thank you WSCF! Mabuhay!

Necta Montes

WSCF Asia Pacific Regional Secretary

HUMAN RIGHTS JUSTICE AND PEACE (HRJP) PROGRAMME

The vision of the Human Rights Justice and Peace Programme (HRJP) of WSCF Asia-Pacific, is to strengthen the human rights, justice and peace work of the Student Christian Movement (SCM) in the grassroots level. In particular, it aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. raise and deepen awareness on human rights, justice and peace issues among Christian young people in 18 countries in Asia Pacific thru education and awareness-raising activities at the regional level;
2. provide venue for Christian young people to engage in theological reflection on the issues of human rights, justice and peace and to deepen the meaning of Christian Faith, witness and service;
3. develop and participate in on-going advocacy campaigns on specific Human Rights, Justice and Peace issue that will affect policy-changes in the international and local levels. Specifically on the following issues: Civil and Political Rights (2010)
4. support, strengthen and sustain Human Rights, Justice and Peace desks and programs in the SCMs by providing relevant materials and resources to the students;
5. train SCM students to become Human Rights Defenders (HRD) and advocates;
6. equip students and young people in churches with skills on Human Rights, Justice and Peace advocacy work
7. work in solidarity with SCM's and other groups and sectors working on similar issues.

SCM Human Rights and Advocacy Work

In 2010, WSCF Human Rights Advocacy and Campaign focused on national issues as a reflection of the growing capacity of the national SCMs to engage in actual advocacy work, such as the release of the 43 illegally arrested health workers in the Philippines, the Anti-POSCO Campaign in India, and the Anti-high speed railway campaign in Hong Kong. In this Annual Report, we feature the work of SCM Philippines, SCM India and SCM Hong Kong in responding to local human right issues.

The Free the Morong 43 Campaign in the Philippines

On February 11, 2010, 43 health workers, doctors and nurses were illegally arrested while conducting a training in the Philippines by the Philippines Military under former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. This incident has engage both the local and international community and called for their immediate and unconditional release citing grave violation of their Human Rights. SCM Philippines formed and led a Human Rights network of students called *Tangol Karapatan*



(Defend Rights) campaigning for the release of the 43 health workers. Responding to the appeal for solidarity from SCM Philippines, WSCF Asia Pacific called the global WSCF Federation to join the international campaign for the Morong 43. After more than 10 months of sustained advocacy work, most of the health workers were finally released on December 2010 mainly due to the international pressure and campaign organized by different groups.

The Anti-POSCO Movement in India



The Anti-POSCO Movement in Orissa India is a movement against development aggression and the struggle for the rights of indigenous and farmers for their ancestral lands. SCM of India joined in this people's struggle, bringing the students from its various units to the communities to join the Pada Yatra or march from Dinkya village to Puri Vedanta University. There were more than 700 participants who took part in the Yatra representing various villages, organizations, peoples movements, cultural groups and student movements. There were more than 10,000 people who participated at the final day protest at Puri. After this event, SCM India organized discussion with in student groups and civil society organizations on the Anti-POSCO Campaign. The Government has withdrawn its mining permission to the Vedanta Groups, one of the company operating in Puri. The Indian Environment Ministry directed the Orissa Government to stop the POSCO project despite Orissa Government's intention to continue with the POSCO project.

Anti-Express-railway Campaign in Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Macau Express-railway Project is being built displacing communities and destroying the remaining natural forest and rural life in Hong Kong. SCM Hong Kong together with the villagers, youth groups and students campaigned for the rights of the people in the community to remain in their ancestral homes and lands. Despite strong public pressure and opinion the Hong Kong government continued with the project, relocating the people and giving compensation. This Campaign raised critical issues and awareness on how far will the Hong Kong Government go in the name of development.



The World Student Christian Federation calls for an immediate release of 43 doctors and health workers arrested in the Philippines on February 6, 2010

“Freedom is what we have—Christ has set us free! Stand, then as free people and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again.” Galatians 5:1

The World Student Christian Federation expresses shock and dismay at the arrest and torture of 43 doctors, nurses and community health practitioners by the Armed Forces in the Philippines and the Philippines National Police. Among the arrested is World Student Christian Federation Regional Secretary Necta Montes’ uncle Dr. Alex Montes, a devoted doctor who has provided free service tirelessly to the sick, the poor and marginalized people in the Philippines, in his personal capacity as a surgeon and as the director of the health program of the United Church of Christ of the Philippines (UCCP). Dr. Montes is also part of the Community Medical Foundation (COMMED), an NGO that provides medical services to community health workers and volunteers working in depressed communities in the Philippines.

The World Student Christian Federation has long been aware and concerned about the extra-judicial killings that have been perpetrated by factions of the military in the Philippines against young people, students, trade unionist and people opposing Ms. Arroyo’s government, and continues to be extremely apprehensive about the possibility of an escalation of political violence such as the massacre in Maguindanao in the run up to the upcoming elections. These abuses will infringe on the rights of Filipino citizens to vote freely and without fear of intimidation in the Presidential election.

We join the voices of our partners and many international groups in calling on President Macapagal Arroyo to immediately order the release of the 43 health care workers who are now in illegal detention.

We call on the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police and all other government security forces and apparatus to end all forms of abuses, harassment, intimidation and violence against candidates, political parties and organizations, including party list groups, who are critical of the government.

We reiterate our call to the Philippine Government to implement the recommendations of the United Nations Special Rapporteur, Philip Alston, and scrap its counter-insurgency campaign, Operation Plan BantayLaya.

We call on all governments to condemn the arrest of the 43 health workers and call for their immediate release.

Michael Wallace

WSCF General Secretary

Horacio Mesones

WSCF Chair

(Excerpts from the WSCF Statement on Morong 43)

Human Rights Justice and Peace Program (HRJP) Workshop on Civil and Political Rights

October 9 to 15, 2010, Wu Kwai Sha, Hong Kong SAR



The Human Rights Justice and Peace (HRJP) Workshop on Civil and Political Rights was held from October 9 to 15, 2010 at the Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village, Hong Kong, SAR. In general, the HRJP Workshop aims to mobilize Christian youth to work for human rights, justice and peace in Asia Pacific countries by providing them the faith motivation, knowledge, skills and framework of analysis for human rights, justice and peace advocacy work. In particular the Workshop aimed to: To raise level of awareness, understand the context and provide critical analysis on the Human Rights situation in many countries in the Asia Pacific region; Provide Biblico-theological foundation on Peace, Justice and Human Rights work; Strategizing for WSCF and SCM responses to the situations of Human Rights, Justice and Peace; Understand and learn the theoretical framework of Human Rights, its history, tools and mechanism from varied perspective (i.e. gender perspective, etc.); Develop skills as Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) and understand mechanisms to protect HRDs at national and international levels in the context of conflicts and war; Acquire and develop skills as human rights and peace works from the SCMs, church groups, Non Government Organization(NGO) and Peace Organization(PO) in the Asia Pacific region; Build and strengthen Human Rights Support Group human rights desk in the SCMs.

The HRJP Workshop was participated in by 15 young people representing 14 member movements of WSCF from Asia Pacific. The participants were Mr. Chih-chung Fang from Taiwan, Mr. Vinolid Caleap from India, Mr. Arun Sandar from Bangladesh, Mr. Francisco Soares from East Timor, Ms. Effy Kulla from Indonesia, Mr. Andrew Tam from Hong Kong, Ms. Fanny Lam from Hong Kong, Mr. Perumbadage Nuwan Anuruddha Bandara from Sri Lanka, Mr. Ham Kim Houn from Cambodia, Mr. Jomari Cuartero from Philippines, Mr. S. Shein Thet Nyunt from Myanmar, Mr. Kwang Junm Hwa from Korea. Student from local SCM also joined the Workshop in the various sessions.

The content of the HRJP Workshop included lectures and inputs from **Wong Kai Shing** and **Danilo Reyes** from the Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC), a regional Human Rights center based in Hong Kong; a Biblico-theological Reflections (BTR) on Human Rights from **Dr. Wong Wai Ching**, SCM Hong Kong and WSCF AP senior friend; group discussions and presentations on the human rights situation of the Asian countries by the participants; sharing on the human rights situation in Hong Kong by SCM Hong Kong and exposure program with local groups and marginalized communities in Hong Kong.

Biblico-Theological Reflection on Human Rights



(This picture is the list of thousand of children who died under the rubbles when school building collapsed during the Schewan Earthquake in China in 2009. A group of human rights activist investigated the incident and demanded for the China government to take the responsibility of the death of the children due to sub-standard materials used in the construction of the school buildings allegedly due to wide-spread corruption by local government officials.)

The Biblico-Theological Reflection (BTR) by Dr. Wong Wai Ching focused on the topic “The Knowledge of God” and “The Judgment” from the Bible texts Hosea 4:1-3, Isaiah 11:1-9 and Jeremiah 22:13-16. In her presentation, she pointed out that the Knowledge of God brings faithfulness and loyalty to God, emphasizing the need to be the same for the community of God’s people. These two cannot be separated. And the consequence of the lack of Knowledge of God is collective greediness, structural corruption and systematic exploitation of the poor and marginalized. She explains that faithfulness or trustworthiness is the unconditional reliability in which one has confidence in the other, especially in one’s word and service. In the context of the Bible and our contemporary world, she asks who has been faithful in our community? She further explains that loyalty, the enduring quality of responsible relationships, together with faithfulness should be a community responsibility among those who live together in the land. The root of faithfulness and loyalty is the Knowledge of God, faithfulness not only between one person and God, it cannot be separated from one’s relationship with one’s neighbor. In summarizing her presentation, Waiching related this to the concept of Human Rights. As Christians, Human Rights is also about knowing God, in our neighbor, in the world and in our vision. This should be manifested through our will, in our action to protect all created life, she added.



Human Rights Concepts and History

The session on the Basic Concepts, History of Human Rights and Human Rights situation Asia was led by Wong Kai Shing from the Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) and a senior friend of SCM Hong Kong. Kai Shing began his presentation with a group game called “Meeting Visitor from another Planet” where participants were asked to enumerate what they would like the alien visitor to know about human beings. The second exercise was called, “Planning for a New Country,” where participants were asked to make a basic or fundamental law or covenant of the new country. From the presentations and sharing of the participants, Kaishing summarized the following as the basic concepts of Human Rights. It is about human dignity, respecting different cultural and religious traditions, with the capacity enhancement/self realization, ability to resolve conflict. It is also about individual rights, equality and non-discrimination. The following concepts also came out from the exercise, remedies, legal protection, enlightenment (courage to use reason, respect of individuals).

In a brief historical view, Human Rights came from the struggles to abolish torture, the fight against slavery, women’s struggle for their rights and feminism, social reform and trade unionism. Human rights are inalienable, cannot be transferred or deposed of. The primary duties of protecting human rights fall on states and their public authorities, not on other individuals. The individual person is a subject of international law, entitled under it to claim legal rights, and to have recourse at the international level for violations of those rights if he cannot obtain redress from the national institutions of the state. He adds that a person entitles to human rights simply because they are human beings. Protection of human rights is the primary obligation of the state, an obligations to respect, to protect, and to fulfill). How a state treats its own subjects is now the legitimate concern of international law. There are international standards can be used for judging the domestic laws and the actual conduct of sovereign states.

Kai Shing also explained the problem of impunity, the primacy of place needs to be given to the reforms of the criminal justice system for the protection of human rights. In summary, electoral Democracy is not enough. Structural reforms for the implementation of rights: e.g. reforms of the Prosecution and

Criminal justice System. People-oriented approach: reforms with local knowledge; strengthening civil society, create space for people's dialogue and participation. Challenging local cultural norms (requires a very deep knowledge of the same). Against violence, stop the practices of torture. Engaging in social discourse (generate debate locally, regionally and internationally) and international solidarity.

Country Sharing and Exposure to local Human Rights situation



(Participants visiting the 'new arrivals' from China, mostly women married to Hong Kong men who are only given the right of abode in Hong Kong after more than 10 years of waiting.)

Participants also shared on the Human Rights situation in their own countries. The following the main Human Rights issues in the Asia Pacific context. First, threats to the right to life, second is discrimination, and third is violations on the freedom of expression and the last is violation of economic, social and cultural rights. Under the threat to life, the following issues are common in Asia, extra-judicial killings (e.g. Massacre in Maguindanao in the Philippines, 57 killed, 30 journalists), forced disappearances and violence against women. Under discrimination, the most common forms are discrimination against women, caste-based discrimination, discrimination against minorities (ethnic minorities, religious minorities). Violations on the freedom of expression, includes, National security laws, censorship, criminal defamation, attacks on journalists and activists. On violations under economic, social and cultural rights, the most common are widespread poverty, exploitation of workers, right to food, right to health, right to housing, right to education and cultural rights. The causes of these problems are; authoritative regimes, militarization, failure of the criminal justice system, corruption, cultural and religious oppression, developmentalism and globalization.

Another highlight of the program was the sharing of the Human Rights situation in Hong Kong by SCM members, which highlighted the various rights issues of marginalized people in Hong Kong. This included the situation of the poor and marginalized communities such as migrants from China, foreign domestic

workers from Philippines, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, homeless and elderly people, Commercial Sex Workers (CSWs). There were film showing on the film Burma VJ on the so-called “Maroon Revolution” in Burma and a film called Investigation by Citizens by Ai Xiao Ming on the Zichuan earthquake. The issue of ‘Right of abode in Hong Kong on the so-called, “Wedding Invitation Street” in the old district of Hong Kong Island was also shared by members of local groups in Hong Kong.

The participants were divided into two groups for the Exposure Program. One group went to visit the Bethune Shelter for distressed Migrant women workers and Ziteng, a service organization that works with Commercial Sex Workers (CSW) in HK. The other group went to visit the was organized in the following communities: SOCO Caged-home in Hong Kong, Bethune House Shelter for Migrant Women migrants from mainland China.



(Participants in front of the Bethune Shelter for distressed migrant women in Hong Kong. Bethune House is a temporary shelter for migrant women who have been forced to leave their employers for many reasons, including rape, sexual assault, violence, etc)

A Statement was also produced by the participants at the end of the Workshop with the following concrete recommendations and action plans:

Local/National SCMs

- Awareness raising programmes
- Signature campaign
- UDPS (Universal Day of Prayers for Students)
- Exposure to the HR violated areas
- Training for trainers (ToT)
- issues: child rights (Bangladesh), women’s rights as HR(BD)

Sub-regional Plans

- E -network for solidarity

For Southeast Asia

1. Political campaign to tackle major problems against imperialist policies on land grabbing, mining industries, natural resources, militarization, environmental exploitation, public services, demolition of houses and ethnic racism
2. Information dissemination with the people where SCMs can be found
3. Create consciousness against state policies of the imperialists that affects our communities
4. Forge stronger solidarity
5. Common Celebration for the International Human Rights Day on December 10

Regional Program for WSCF

- WSCF AP HRJP Workshop on Training for Trainers in 2011

World Student Christian Federation Asia Pacific (WSCF A-P)
Human Rights Justice and Peace Workshop 2010
Hong Kong Statement

We, the participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, East Timor, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea [South], Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Taiwan participated in the World Student Christian Federation – Asia Pacific Region Human Rights, Justice and Peace (HRJP) Workshop held at the YMCA Youth village located at Wu Kai Sha, Hong Kong from 9th to 15th of October 2010, we have thoroughly discussed the human rights violations growing in the region. During the course of our workshop, we have seen that in the countries in Asia, human rights defenders, journalists, activists, health workers, social workers, clergies, farmers, aboriginals, dalits, ethnic and religious minorities, migrants, women, sex workers and students whose right to life are threatened in the forms of militarization, political killings, land grabbing, privatization, dominant caste system, racist and patriarchal social policies, media repression, prohibition of right to assembly and freedom of expression, global capitalism, developmental aggression, oppressive cultural traditions and other forms that destroy human dignity. As a consequence of the worsening living conditions in this region, brought by the crisis of the global political system, it is necessary for local, national and international solidarity to address the problems affecting the lives of our communities.

- *We urge the states to ratify and implement the UN Conventions without any reservation.*
- *We condemn all kinds of human rights violation perpetrated by the state, military and police institutions, and non-state groups.*
- *We affirm the rights of marginalized sectors, poor, migrant workers, indigenous people, dalits, religious and ethnic minorities, women, sex workers, human rights defenders, activists, and journalists.*
- *We support the people who are fighting against the system that legitimizes violence, discrimination, corruption, and inequality to create a democratic and egalitarian society.*
- *We encourage to continue the initiatives of the World Student Christian Federation – Asia Pacific Region to defend human rights.*
- *We challenge the students in all nations to stand up and fight for Human Rights.*

Participants to the WSCF Asia Pacific Hong Kong Human Rights Justice and Peace Workshop, October 2010

REGIONAL WOMEN'S PROGRAMME (RWP)

RWP – SCM Myanmar Joint Women's Programme

“Women and Men in Partnership for Empowerment in the Challenging World”

June 22-26, 2010, Yangon, Myanmar



Goals of the Program:

- To empower young women and men for ecumenical leadership in their communities
- To develop biblical and theological reflections from feminist perspectives and partnership
- To encourage and promote partnership of women and men to respect God's creation
- To reflect and respond on contemporary women issues.

The RWP-JWP was organized by the SCM Myanmar on the theme “Women and Men in Partnership for empowerment in the Challenging World”. The programme was held from June 22-26, 2010 at the Myanmar Council of Churches. Around 40 women and men student members attended the programme from different branches of SCM Myanmar.

The topics of the 5 days programme consisted of Bible studies from feminist perspectives and partnership, understanding SCM & Ecumenism, Women and Men's identity in the Challenging world, Partnership for Empowerment, Challenges of Women in different leadership Positions.

Nan Phyu Phyu Lin , Kaythi Min Din, Yin Yin Maw, Sunita Suna, Tun Tun Oo and Chaw Chaw were there to facilitate the sessions. Nan Phyu Phyu Lin from Care International conducted the session on

partnership for empowerment through various community based games. Her games and different exercises helped the participants to understand the existing discrimination between women and men in different institutions and communities. During her session she made the participants realize that the role of partnership is significant in order to continue work especially within SCM and in the local community.

Yin Yin Maw from the women's department of the Anglican Church, and the chair person of the MCC, also the former chairperson of the WSCF AP shared her challenges in these positions as a woman. Chaw Chaw from the anti trafficking department of the UN in Myanmar also shared her challenges in her position as the director. They tried to explain that though women are in the higher positions they are still confronted with discrimination within the working places.

Sunita Suna, Regional Women's Coordinator of the WSCF AP facilitated the session on Women and Men's identity in the Challenging world. She conducted various games and exercise to understand social construction of woman and man. How gender roles has shaped us to be a woman and man and set expectations by the society. She also explained how we can go beyond gender and understand the dynamics of our various identities based on our social locations and power relations and the need and importance of the model of partnership within SCMs. Aside from these sessions there were bible studies from the feminist perspectives and partnership and reflections on SCM and Ecumenism.



Reflection and Evaluation

This project of the Regional Women's Programme has empowered not only women but also men from the local SCMs through the women and men in partnership programme. In the Myanmar context its not only women who are oppressed but at the same time men are also oppressed under the military junta. Therefore, this space was unique and significant in Myanmar's context to bring both women and men for this programme. The people in Myanmar do not have freedom even to express their thoughts and mobilize people for a greater cause. This JWP was also a platform for the different ethnic communities to come together and learn to accept the differences and break the prejudices of the differences of the diverse ethnic group. Though the JWP was a small space to bring the young women and men together to talk and discuss about the problem they are struggling with, the program had a great impact in the lives of the participants.

RWP – SCM Sri Lanka Joint Women’s Programme (RWPJWP)
A Feminist Reading of the Bible and Violence Against Women (VAW)
February 23-28, Moratuwa – Sri Lanka



The RWP– SCM Sri Lanka Joint Women’s Programme (RWPJWP) was hosted by the SCM Sri Lanka. This workshop was conducted in the national level focusing on the theme: “A Feminist Reading of the Bible and Violence Against Women in Sri Lanka”. 15 young women from SCM SL, Theological College, and from churches participated in the workshop. Though all the participants were from Sri Lanka, the group was quite diverse- coming from different orientations and background. This workshop was supposed to be held in November 2010, but due to some practical reasons with the SCM SL we had to postpone and organize in February 2011.

The objectives of the workshop were: **To provide a common platform for SCM young women to share experiences and exchange ideas around the issue of VAW which addresses personally and socially as a problem to all women; including women’s identity as female self/woman self for the other instead of being Self for self as a Subject, as in “who am I and what am I” *To understand violence against women in the Sri Lankan context from a critical feminist analysis perspective.*To re-read and interpret biblical texts critically on violence against women with new eyes.*To understand that objectives 1-3 are essential elements in doing critical feminist theology of liberation and transformation. *To come up with a guide book on the workshop contents and process pertaining to doing feminist theology of liberation in praxis for SCM Sri Lanka and all national movements in WSCF Asia-Pacific region.*

The process, contents and methodology of the workshop were:

1. Using feminist critical analysis, participants shared their life experiences, struggles on the issue of VAW as well as VAW at large in society.
2. Using biblical feminist interpretation or hermeneutics to read a few selected biblical texts related to VAW.

Yong Ting Jin, a feminist theologian from Malaysia, Sunita Suna, Regional Women's Coordinator and Ashani John the women's programme in charge of SCM SL facilitated the whole workshop.

The workshop started with an opening worship followed by a community building led by Sunita and Ashani. Sunita conducted the group exercise "Who am I." She instructed the participants to identify themselves with some symbols or pictures and share about themselves relating to the symbols. This exercise helped to reflect the multiple identities as women and gender roles for women. Many of them chose candles or lamp as their symbols, which also defined the traditional role of women to sacrifice herself for others, like a candle burning and giving light to others.

Story-telling and sharing of experiences was an important aspect of the workshop as feminist theology begins with our lives, our stories and struggle, so sharing of Her Story is an essential process of the Women Doing Theology workshop. The participants were divided into small groups to share and listen to each other's life story, especially the stories of VAW and discrimination they have experienced in their lives. This was an exclusive space for many participants to share their experiences as the "negative experiences" are not welcomed or encouraged to share in most of our communities either for cultural/traditional belief or this is still a taboo. So, during the story telling time they shared their own stories and also they brought the stories of other women who are their friends, sisters, and mothers. Many of them found that their experiences as women are quite similar and they could relate with each other through their common stories and experiences.

After sharing the personal experiences the participants moved beyond to understand the experiences of women in general in the Sri Lankan contexts. Together they read and reflected the stories of VAW depicted in the news papers and magazines and tried to understand the problem, analyze the issues or forms of violence from various aspects. Some of the issues of VAW which was reflected from their personal stories as well as the stories of women in general were not much different then the women in general experience in different parts of the world: Domestic Violence, Sexual Harassment/ abuse, Mental and Physical abuse, rape, rape/ murder, biased laws against women, lack of freedom or mobility, deprived of power to take decisions etc are the most common forms of VAW in the SL context.

The facilitator Ting Jin helped the participants to develop the framework of analysis to critically analyze the issues and causes of VAW. Their critical analysis helped them to understand that gender is not the only factor which is causing VAW but there are multifaceted factors like : culture, tradition, religion, class, caste, race, ethnicity, patriarchy, hierarchy, nationality, education, age, etc. she said in order to understand VAW we must also do the analysis of power relation of domination and subordination. Because there are power differences in men and women and the power domination can be exercised between men and women, women and men, men and men or women and women. She did an activity of celebrating self, to make the participants aware that our own self as a subject and we should affirm our

subject self. She said we can not celebrate our self if we are conditioned to fulfill the societal, religious, cultural expectations. In order to celebrate the subject self we must need to liberate ours elf from the societal construction and conditions.

The following 3 Bible Studies were conducted by Ting Jin using biblical feminist interpretation or hermeneutics.

1. Luke 10:38-42 – The Identity of Mary and Martha
2. Judges chapter 19 – Texts of Terror”
3. Mark – 5 :21 -42

The Bible Studies from the feminist perspectives were insightful and eye-opening for all. The facilitator enabled the participants on how to re read the Bible together from the feminist perspectives. Though these texts were read / heard by the participants many times in Sunday schools/ sermon from the pastors in the Church, they found the activity of reading the Bible together meaningful and insightful. Ting Jin provided the skills/ tools and the participants were able to use their imagination, suspicion and discovering new things and insights together. They were able to read in between the lines to analyze the situation of the stories in the Bible which has a direct implication in our lives especially for women. She said its important to read the Bible as subject and not object.

For many participants the whole workshop was an empowering, challenging and liberating experience. They affirmed to continue the process of re reading the Bible together from feminist perspectives in their groups. SCM Sri Lanka is also planning to have a series of similar workshop as follow ups.



RWP - Student YMCA and SCM Japan Joint Miriam Program
Violence against Women: Going beyond Gender Analysis
March 6-8, Tokyo, Japan



This Joint Women's Programme was organized in collaboration with the Miriam programme of the Student YMCA and SCM Japan. Miriam programme is an ongoing programme on women's concerns in SCM Japan. Around 12 women and 3 men from Student YMCA and SCM Japan participated in the workshop. There were 3 main objectives : 1. To revive / renew the Miriam programme to make it more wholistic space for women; 2. To understand the issues / factors of VAW for the purpose of going beyond gender analysis; 3. To re read the Bible together from the feminist perspectives.

Sunita Suna, regional women's coordinator, Misato Sasaki , women's programme coordinator of Student YMCA and SCM Japan, Azusa Nakamura-Kaori , senior friends of SCM Japan facilitated the workshop. The workshop started with an opening worship led by Misato conducted few exercises to know each other. Sunita briefly shared about WSCF and the relation of WSCF and YMCA, the role and contribution of women leadership in the federation and the importance of the Regional Women's Programme in WSCF AP.

Misato explained why and how the Miriam program started and how we can make this space more wholistic for women. Azus and Kaori shared their experiences of their involvement with the Miriam programme. They said, Miriam programme has played a significant role in their lives as well as many

women in SCM Japan. This is a space for the young women to come and share their stories/ experiences which has helped them to develop different perspectives and be analytical on various issues especially on women. They suggested that its important to keep this space for women and setup network with women in need.

Sunita facilitated the session on understanding gender and the need of going beyond gender. The participants shared their own understanding of gender, then Sunita did a brief analysis of how gender role plays differently for women and men. She said, gender is a social, cultural, religious construction and we women and men are constructed beings. Gender is binary to put women and men in two different categories with specific expectations. In order to understand the many-sided factors of VAW we need to go beyond gender analysis to understand the issues of intersectionality and the power dynamics. The participants shared some of their own experiences as women and discussed some real stories of VAW in the context of Japan and analyzed the causes of VAW in their own context. Sunita also explained the power relation of domination and subordination. She said gender analysis always project men controlling over women, and that is the fact in most of our societies but it doesn't explain how culture, tradition, religion, class, caste, race, ethnicity, patriarchy, hierarchy, nationality, education, age, power dynamics etc are involved.

Sunita facilitated a Bible study on the text – Genesis – 16:1-6 (the story of Sara, Hagar and Abram). They were divided in small groups to read the text together and discuss on the following guide questions: 1. Identify the socio-cultural, religious beliefs which has influenced the lives of Sara, Hagar and Abram and to your life. 2. Briefly analyse the power relation among Sara, Hagar and Abram.



The participants tried to relate the story with the present experience of women and the societal expectation for women and men. They said, women are compelled to prove their motherhood by giving birth and they must produce son! Even in this story they are caught up with the gender roles and societal and religious expectations. Sunita explained the hierarchy and the power relation of domination and subordination in this story. She said there are different power relation between Abram, Sara and Hagar. Abram being the patriarch, his position is on the top and Sara being the wife of

Abram exercising her power over Hagar the slave girl. There is a power relation of domination and subordination. And power also can be changed like Hagar's pregnancy changed her status for some time. This also shows that society has accepted motherhood is the central part of women's lives. She said, power domination can be exercised between men and women, women and men, men and men or women and women

This JWP was a beginning to initiate more activities on various issues on women. Especially the issues the Japanese women are facing in their own context.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

19th Regional Committee Pre Women's Meeting

Renewing the Earth: Climate Justice and Equity - Feminist perspectives

July 18-21, Manado, Indonesia



Goals:

1. To understand the historical significance of the women leadership within the WSCF Asia Pacific region and the federation as a whole and the importance of the Regional Women's Programme
2. To do theological reflection on the theme
3. To share and reflect of the National Women's Programme by the members
4. To evaluate and re visioning the Regional Women's Programme
5. To discuss the challenges and promote women leadership in SCMs and in the Ecumenical movement
6. To Select / elect the Regional Women's Committee members for the biennial (2010-2012)

The 19th Pre Women's Meeting was held from July 18-21, at the Yuta Hotel, Manado, Indonesia, prior to the Regional Committee Meeting (RCM). 15 young women delegates of the RCM representing their national SCMs of *Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Pakistan Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand* attended the meeting.

The pre women's meeting was a space for the SCM women to get to know each other, their activities in SCMs for the women's concerns, their challenges for and in the leadership roles within SCMs in order to promote women leadership and women's concerns for women's emancipation for themselves and women in general in a wider community.

The delegates shared and analyzed the national women's programmes and various activities initiated by the women's groups/members in the national SCMs. The issues and challenges were identical especially

in the sub regions and in Asia overall, which helped the group to related easily and analyze them from their own contexts. Some of the similar issues/ challenges SCM women and especially women in Asia experiencing are: *Patriarchy and hierarchy, Gender stereotype, Religion, culture, tradition which is biased against women, Women as cheap labor, Migration, trafficking – a global concern, as most of the women are forced to migrate due to the unjust economic system, System of discrimination/ oppression paving the way to sex industry,, Domestic violence, sexual harassment, incest, drug addiction etc.*

The analysis also helped the group to introspect, and share the concern that the women's programs/activities are declining in the national movements due to lack of staff in the national movements to carryout/facilitate the women's programmes. More concerns were shared as the national movements are not prioritizing women's issue and concerns in the local SCMs and there is lack of feminist theology/ perspectives among the SCMs. After having a deep reflection and analysis the group proposed programmes for 2011-2012 to initiate more women's programmes in national level on Women empowerment training, workshop on feminist theology, women's programmes for both women and men on partnership, More critical analysis of global concerns like migration, trafficking, Marriage migration and gender, Critical analysis of the root causes of the VAW and organize open discussion – within SCM/ like minded organizations and involve in awareness campaign on VAW through participation in forums.

The pre women's meeting was also a place for us to develop theological reflections on the theme from the feminist perspectives. Dr. Hope S. Antone, the Executive Secretary for Faith Mission and Unity (FMU), from Christian Conference of Asia conducted bible studies based on the Biblical text Genesis chapter 1 by using ecofeminism as lens. Dr. Hope's bible studies helped us to understand ecofeminism, the greater involvement and participation of women's movement across the globe to protect and taking care of the mother earth and how women and nature are interconnected. She said that the link between women and nature is *empowering*: with their positions as mothers and homemakers, they are more likely to be more environmentally aware and this idea is embraced. And link between women and nature is *degrading*: imposed by patriarchy; men will continue to exploit women and nature – seeing both as eternally fertile and for providing life. The theological reflection helped us to affirm that we are part of the creation and we must be taking the role of stewardship to protect God's creation instead of controlling and exploiting God's creation.

At the end of the pre women's meeting the following members were selected as the representatives for the Regional Women's Committee for the year 2011-2012;

Selfitriani Kula – South East Asia, SCM Indonesia

Misato Sasaki – North East Asia, SCM Japan

Bronwyn Crow – (ex co) Pacific, SCM Australia

Mani Mandol - South Asia, SCM Bangladesh

Ga-yeon, Lee - Member at large, SCM Korea

Regional Women's Coordinator (ex officio)



19th WSCF AP Regional Committee Meeting
"Renewing the Earth: Climate Justice and Equity"
July 18 to 28, Tomohon-Manado, Indonesia



The 19th WSCF Asia Pacific Regional Committee Meeting (RCM) and the Pre-Women's Meeting were held from July 18 to 28, 2010, in Manado and Tomohon, North Sulawesi, Indonesia. The Meeting was hosted by the 5 branches in North Sulawesi of GMKI (Gerakan Mahasiswa Kristen Indonesia) or SCM Indonesia on the theme, "Renewing the Earth: Climate Justice and Equity." The WSCF AP RCM, the highest policy-making body of WSCF in the Asia Pacific region was attended by 24 delegates and observers from 16 member movements of the Federation.

The Opening Worship and Program was held at the Sentrum GMIM Church in Manado with senior friends and student attending the event. Rev. Teddy Batasina, the pastor of the Sentrum church, led the Worship. A Welcome Dinner for the RCM participants were hosted by the North Sulawesi Governor S.H. Sarundajang and his son Febian Sarundajang in Manado on July 24. Dr. Hope Antone from Christian Conference of Asia led the Bible Study on Partnership, Dr. Richard Siwu from the Ukit Theological Seminary in Tomohon on Interfaith and Nina Nayoan, senior friend of GMKI on Migration.

Participants of the RCM worked together in Thematic Commissions that met parallel with the RCM official business sessions. The four (4) Commissions were: **Women and Men Partnership; Inter-faith; Climate Justice; Migration**. The Commissions developed the theological and political perspectives collected from the national movements on these themes. RCM delegate chose one Commission relevant to their work in the SCM. In addition to the Commission work, a one-day Exposure Program was organized by our local host in relation to the Commission thematic areas and Bible Studies.

Highlights of the decisions made by the 19th RCM includes the following:

1. Election of new officers of the WSCF AP Standing and Regional Women's Committee for 2010-2012

Standing Committee Members:

Chairperson: Mr. Jahartap Yustin Pasaribu (Indonesia)

Vice-chairperson: Ms. Phan Dara (Cambodia)

Members-at-large: Ms. Fanny Lam (Hong Kong), Ms. Gayeon Lee (Korea)

Exco (hold-over from previous term): Mr. Immanuel Gopala Kitnan (Sri Lanka), Ms. Bronwyn Crowe (Australia)

2. Recommended the Association of SCM Nepal to WSCF

The RCM delegates welcomed with thanks the application for associate membership of SCM Nepal into the global Federation. This decision will be recommended to the WSCF 14th General Assembly in 2012, scheduled to be hosted by WSCF Latin America and Caribbean Region (LAC). In the meantime, SCM Nepal will be invited to participate in the life and work of WSCF AP in the coming months and will be a recipient of WSCF AP Annual Movement Grant in 2011 and 2012.

3. Commission Recommendations for WSCF

The following are some of the recommendations made by the four Commissions formed in the RCM (*Climate Justice, Women and Men Partnership, Interfaith and Migration*):

- “New Movement” within the local SCM that will promote consciousness on ecological justice and develop practices responsive to ecology within the organizations
- Develop a Policy on Climate Justice that can shared and implemented by the Federation and SCMs
- Address the issue of Christian Extremism and Rights-wing Fundamentalism.
- Understand religions plurality in Asia Pacific and Christian Extremism.
- Proposal to change the current title of women and men in partnership to Partnership of Equals.
- Advocate and implement some support system for women and men (*e.g. Students to help take care of the children of senior friends when they attend WSCF meetings*)
- The national SCM must initiate actions on partnership by different activities through the EAP grants
- exchange information within SCMs (between sending and receiving countries) on migrant rights
- Lobbying governments to protect the migrant’s rights



Resolutions

The RCM approved the resolution on the following issues for action:

- *Land and Indigenous Rights and the POSCO issue in Orissa, India*
- *Reunification and Militarism in South Korea and Northeast Asia*
- *Ecological Justice*
- *The call for government to repeal the Internal Security Act (ISA).*
- *The call for the government to repeal the University & University College Act (UUCA)*

4. Amendments of WSCF AP By-laws

After long debates and discussions, the proposed amendment to the WSCF AP By-laws was approved by votation. The amendment clarifies the status of students and senior friends, the role of the Search and Nominations Committee and provided guidelines for the nominations of SCMerS (students and senior friends) who have migrated, worked, studied in another country and participates actively in the life of the movement in their adoptive country.

5. Search for the next WSCF AP Regional Secretary

The Search Committee for the next WSCF AP Regional Secretary will be composed of in-coming the 6 members of the Standing Committee and Janejinda Pawadee, representing the global officers of the Federation. The Search Committee will be chaired by Yustin Pasaribu, the in-coming chair of WSCF AP. Search Process will begin in August.

Projections for future work of WSCF Asia-Pacific

For the year 2011-2012, the following themes and programs were proposed:

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**WSCF Global Executive Committee Meeting
Beirut, Lebanon
October 29 to November 7, 2010**



The WSCF Executive Committee Meeting that was held from October 29 to November 7, 2010 in Beirut, Lebanon. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Training on Climate Justice. with WSCF AP's representative to this meeting were Immanuel Kitnan as Exco member, Leni Valeriano as proxy to Bronwyn Crowe and Necta Montes as regional staff for Asia Pacific. Key decisions and points discussed during the Exco Meeting were:

- Ms. Christine Housel was appointed as WSCF Co-Secretary General
- WSCF General Assembly is planned to be held 2014 in Latin America, 2013 in Korea in conjunction with WCC General Assembly in Busan, South Korea. A GA Working Group was formed to prepare a proposal for the holding of the next GA.
- An Ecumenical Assistance Program (EAP) Development Team has been established to oversee EAP and general financial management by WSCF, likewise a Communication Team and Theology Commission.
- On the Water Campaign, formation of Water Campaign Task Force to be composed of one representative each region, IRO, some ASC members to plan in detail the Water Campaign and coordinate. Major objective of Water Campaign is a tactical (short-term) which is more on raising awareness on Water issues and thus one primary keystone on this is to outline a Campaign Plan in celebration of the World Water Day on March 22. We can also have some occasion how our region

or local movements can contribute to this. Collection of Water Stories to be compiled as a book, with story contributions from each region.

- The Exco reiterated the Free the 43 health workers in the Philippines. The Exco agreed and we sent a letter to the new Philippine President Aquino to demand their release. The Exco also wrote a statement and prayer on the attacks on churches in Iraq.

The ExCo meeting started with clarifying the objectives that was set at the Officers and Staff meeting in February 2009 and was structured in two parts: evaluation and projection and focusing on climate justice as the thematic focus for 2010. The purpose of this was first to evaluate the work, and the second part to give inputs for an inter-regional planning starting from the regions and the global working groups (ASC, EAP - DT commission). Presentations were organized in blocks of time, after which the ExCo was organized in groups to further analyze the analysis and proposals, and bring recommendations to the plenary. The Statutory Committees met and (Personnel and Finance) submitted specific proposals to the Exco for approval.

ECUMENICAL LEADERSHIP FORMATION

Student Empowerment for Transformation (SET) 2010

“Climate Justice: Young people working towards establishing ecological justice ”

November 28 to December 8, Colombo, Sri Lanka



The WSCF AP Student Empowerment for Transformation (SET) Program was organized last November 28 to December 8, 2010 at the EISD, Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Program was hosted by SCM Sri Lanka on the theme, “Climate Justice: Young people working towards establishing ecological justice in the world’s globalization process.” The program was attended by 20 participants and staff from the different movements in Asia Pacific. The Program was also held back-to-back with the Ecumenical Assistance Program (EAP) Training, led by the Inter-regional Office.

The participants for the SET Program were; Ms. D. Nin Bawk Maw from Myanmar; Mr. Rajesh Rai from Nepal; Ms. Chrisida Nithyakalyani Ananda and Mr. Paulus Topno from India; Mr. Ballantyne Neill Harrold from Aotearoa/New Zealand; Ms. Tsoi Sze Ki Christine from Hong Kong; Ms. Chiu Min Yu and Mr. Wu Chi Te from Taiwan; Mr. Marcelino Monteiro from Timor Leste; Mr. Roy Lemon from Bangladesh; Ms. Sara Shafique from Pakistan; Mr. Poramet Charoynoot from Thailand; Mr. Choi Jin Wook from Korea, Ms. Annamale Thamilvane and Ms. Helen Saha Bandu from Sri Lanka. They were joined by Mr. Immanuel Kitnan, Mr. Mr. Timothy Kumarathunga, host committee members, Ms. Hanna Satlow and Christine Housel from WSCF Geneva office, Ms. Necta Montes and Sunita Suna from WSCF AP office.

The goal of the SET Program was to strengthen student witness and response to the issues brought about by the growing destruction of the environment and organize affirmative response through the SET Program among youth and student in Asia and the Pacific. The SET therefore aims to achieve the

following objectives: To raise the level of awareness of young people from the schools in the Asia Pacific on the issue of environmental protection and climate justice; To mobilize young people in their communities to implement at least three (3) affirmative actions and projects that will respond to concrete needs and problems in their local communities on climate change and environmental protection; To learn and experience eco-friendly practices during the SET Program that would enable participants to understand theoretical concepts with actual practice and encourage young people to promote these practices in their own communities; To gather support from the local communities, NGO's and environmental groups to support and engage young people to protect the environment.

The Resource persons invited were **Bishop Duleep Chikera**, who provided a theological reflection and Bible Study on Ecological Justice, **Dr. Evangeline Rajkumar**, who led a Bible Study on Ecofeminism, **Mr. Pradip Saha** on Climate Justice and the global situation, **Mr. Thulak Kariyawan** on the Sri Lanka environmental situation.

Bishop Chikera led two sessions for program. In his first session, he provided the biblical and theological basis of why Christians should be concerned and be involved in ecological justice. He began by explaining the relationship of God to nature, nature to human, and the cycle that exists between the 3. He said that humans destroyed the relationship between nature and themselves, therefore destroying the cycle. The work for ecological justice therefore means restoring these broken relationships. In Bishop's Chikera's presentation, (1) Apologizing, rich to poor, people to the Earth; (2) Address poverty; (3) population control; (4) responsibility by the future generation; (5) ; learn simplicity and content from the Indigenous people and the poor; (6) restrictive environmental standards; (7) trust in God's ecological provisions. At the end of his presentation, he asked the group to answer two questions: What Christian teachings and attitude prevents us from interpreting Global Warming as a Global warming from God? And, Recommend an action plan for your local churches/SCMs that will support ecological justice. Finally, he reminded everyone of the 5R's, to repent, return, recycle, reuse and refuse.



Mr. Pradip Saha from India gave a very succinct presentation called, "Climate Justice in an Unjust World." He first discussed the meaning of Justice from the different disciplines, from the concept of Human Justice or Social Justice of Left Politics origin to Justice to All life forms from the faith and religious groups, which is synonymous to Ecological Justice. He further explained the "Climate Change is not a new or another problem, it is an aggregate effect of all the wrong things we have done the last 120 years, of which the effect is Ecological Crisis." He also stressed

that the cause is purely economics, stemming from political economy and spiritual decay. He proceeded by tracing the historical root cause of the Ecological Crisis beginning with the Industrial Revolution,

burning of fossil fuel and deforestation. It means maximizing the use of nature, transforming nature into products and services, creating astronomical demands for these products, selling them, creating surplus and reinvesting again. Nature/Ecology is kept external to this cycle of the economy. He adds that profit, propelled by the Capitalist Economic System is the driving force behind this cycle and it is a human construct. In order to gain more profits, it need to make higher revenue, to reduce cost, to devalue or undervalue nature, to create incentive for overuse and the result is ECOLOGICAL CRISIS. Profit is also not shared by all because access to resources is not shared by all either, this results to the unequal share of atmosphere, which means that the ecological space (which is common to all) is dominated by the Northern developed countries, while the developing countries gets very little of the ecological space.



He explained the scientific and technical manifestation of the ecological crisis thru climate change and its political economy, largely represented by 5% C increase of the global temperature since the last ice-age, of which a big percent occurred from 1900's onwards and a sharp increase in 1950's due to the increase of fossil fuel CO₂ emission at the peak of the Industrial Revolution. Scientist also predicted that with the current rate of rise in temperature the average temperature by 1950 will be between 3% to 5% C. According to scientist the acceptable level of increase is 2% C, which means 85% reduction of CO₂ emission from the current rate. It was

in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro that UN began to globalize environmental governance. In explaining the politics of climate change, he explained that the absolute value of emission of a country is not important for climate negotiation because the atmosphere is global common and needs to be shared by all humans equally. All people have equal entitlement to emit. In the known studies, the developing countries emits the most CO₂, primarily the (1) US, (2) Australia, (3) Canada, (5) The Netherlands, (6) Germany, (7) Russia, (8) UK, Japan, South Africa. In total however, three countries represents 42.07%, these are the US (21.13%), UK (16.58%) and Japan (4.36%) He further explains the technical languages and negotiations done at the UN level on how and where the reductions should be made based on the GDP and CO₂ emission. The Kyoto Protocol in 1997 divided the world into 2, for the developed (A1 or Annex 1) and the developing/underdeveloped countries (NA2 or Non Annex 1). In general, the Kyoto Protocol 1997 was agreed in principle with equity and justice. The A1 will undertake massive emission reduction and will help NA1 to reach low carbon economy thru financial transfer and technological transfer.

He explained that the climate cannot wait for all these negotiations at the UN and cannot follow the human logic, drastic change and action is needed now. He also adds that since the Kyoto Protocol 1997, developing countries have not made changes in their commitments but intensified the problems. Science tells us the gravity and impact of the situation. Rainfall has less numbers of days, but more intense causing surges and flooding. Rain is shifting from June to Aug and from north east to west,



disturbing food and agricultural production in serious ways. Wind pattern changing, creating abnormal heat wave and late monsoon and the worst effect is glaciers are receding. Initially there will be floods and later, there will be no water due to drought. The rising sea level has submerged small islands the different parts of the world.



Two Exposure areas were organized in two different places, the first was in Matale, the central hilly region of Sri Lanka and second was Chilaw, the western sea-side area. In Matale, the group met and visited an NGO running an environmentally friendly farm using organic materials and providing employment to the community. At Chilaw, the group visited the Coconut Research Institute and a prawn farm near the lake to observe how the lake is gradually being destroyed by the negative effects of the prawn farming.

ECUMENICAL NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIP

EASYNET Regional Coordinating Team Meeting

January 23 -25, 2010, Manila, Philippines



The Ecumenical Asia Pacific Student and Youth Network (EASYNET) Regional Coordinating Team (NCT) had its annual meeting last January 23 to 25, 2010 at the YMCA National Office in Manila, Philippines. The meeting was attended by Ms. Cristina Dalope from Asia Alliance of YMCA, Mr. Adrian Periera and Mr. Raxy Richard Gomes from the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS), Mr. Deepak Raj from the International Young Christian Students (IYCS), Ms. Neriza Llana and Ms. Maria Galvelo from the World Young Women Christian Association (WYMCA), Ms. Necta Montes Rocas from WSCF Asia Pacific and Ms. Cristina Miranda, Regional Coordinator of EASYNET.

Highlights of the meeting included the appointment Ms. Neriza Llana of World YWCA as the Moderator of EASYNET for the year 2010, evaluation of the National Coordinators Training (NCT) in Malaysia last July 2009, and planning for the EASYNET Creative Workshop in June 2010 in Chennai, India and the EASYNET Youth Week Celebration in October 2010. In its evaluation of EASYNET work in 2009, the team expressed concern of CCA's role as Moderator for 2009 in pursuing the plans and encouraging member movements to actively participate in the life of EASYNET. The NCT also reviewed the EASYNET Terms of Reference and Constitution and made some changes and recommendations, specifically adding provisions on criteria for membership in the network. The team likewise suggested an evaluation design and plans for the 10-year anniversary celebration of EASYNET's in January 2011. After the meeting, the NCT members joined the thanksgiving fellowship at the National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) compound in Quezon City for Adrian Periera, who completed his term as IMCS Regional Coordinator and EASYNET Moderator for 2009.

Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) 13th General Assembly April 14 to 21, 2010, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



The 13th General Assembly of CCA was held from April 14- 21, 2010 at the Grand Season Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Previous to the general assembly the Pre Assembly and Forum took place from April 10-13, at the Dynasty Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. Necta Montes Rocas, Immanuel Kitnan, and Sunita Suna attended the 13th GA of CCA as ecumenical partners. Sunita Suna and Immanuel Kitnan also participated in the pre women's assembly and pre youth assembly.

The Women's Pre-Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) was held on the above theme from April 10-13, 2010 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. More than 60 women and few men from Asia and the Pacific representing the churches and ecumenical organizations participated the event. The pre assembly was intent to promote wider participation of women Church leaders in the decision making process of CCA in its ecumenical pilgrimage. This event was also aimed to strengthen Asian Ecumenical Movements to promote gender justice in Church and Society and also to recognize the prophetic voices of Asian women in building communities of peace.

There were participatory bible studies, plenary, workshops to share and listen our stories as women and articulate and interpret for empowerment. The powerful stories from the women leaders who are not only challenging the hierarchical structure within the Church but also fighting against the oppressive military government for democratization were empowering. The struggle to create an inclusive community also challenged the men – how they can be genuine partners with women in building

inclusive communities of peace. During the sharing and dialogue the women also realized and recommend that churches must come forward to address the issue of violence against women in a more meaningful way. One of the recommendations to CCA in the statement was to create and adopt policy against sexual harassment and encourage the churches to do so.

Overall, the pre women's assembly was a time of fellowship and celebration, and a place to share and to listen stories of women as prophets, healers and reconcilers. Thanks to CCA especially to Moumita Biswas the executive secretary, EGY for creating this unique space and bringing together the women from different parts of Asia.

The Pre Assembly Youth Forum of 13th General Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 10th-13th April 2010. Diverse and dynamic young people from different countries, churches, national councils, and Christian Youth Organizations from 19 countries of Asia and the Pacific participated at this Youth Forum.

The participants of the Youth Forum reclaimed their role as bearers of hope and their calling to take on the challenge in the renewal of the Church and society. Describing his experience in the Youth Forum, Immanuel Kitnan, WSCF AP Exco said that, "as a person molded in the SCM, I was deeply challenged to work with institutionalized hierarchical of the church structure and motivated to go beyond these barriers with stronger commitment & concern towards the society as sisters and brothers, which I saw among the young people who participated in the conference."

The Youth Statement presented at the preceding CCA General Assembly, reflected the strong intention of the young people to assert their voices in the CCA and its member churches to make youth work a priority of CCA and its member councils and churches. In particular, they recommended that the CCA Youth Secretary's position be immediately filled, to increase the budget allocation for youth programs and explore possibilities for the Youth Committee and Women's Committee to be separated, which are now jointly organizing meetings under the Ecumenical Formation for Gender and Youth (EGY) of CCA.

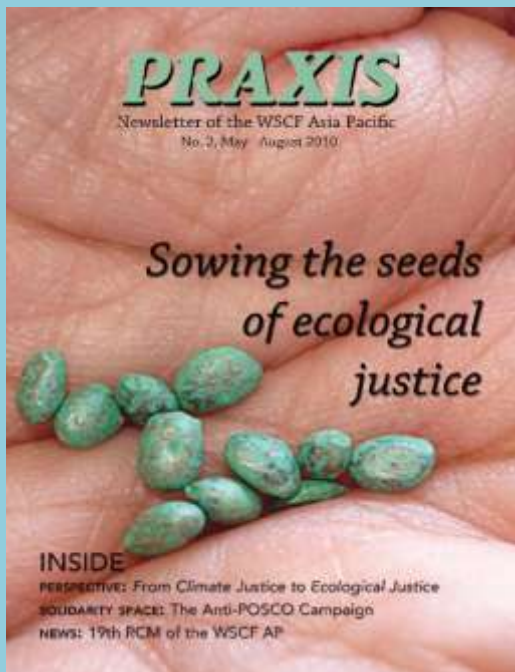
The Youth Statement outlined the prophetic voice of the youth, "We as youth realized our prophetic role and being a part of an active Ecumenical Youth Movement, we believe that we are the voice that speaks on behalf of the muffled voice of young people all over Asia. We identified ourselves with those who are 'sinned against': the poor, the marginalized, the oppressed and those of our brothers and sisters that are suffering because of the lack of peace, Poverty, Environment Degradation, Human Rights Violations, Unfair Education, Health, Discrimination and Terrorism. Furthermore, we were in acceptance of our own flaws and limitations stemming from our inaction and apathy as those who sin against the marginalized."

PUBLICATIONS

“PRAXIS”



PRAXIS Issue No. 1 January-April 2010 is on the theme, “Women and Identity: Going Beyond Gender and Religion.” This issue of Praxis explores the theme of women’s identity or identities, featuring a Biblico-Theological Reflection by Yong Ting Jin on Luke 10: 38-42 on the story of Martha and Mary and the stories of SCM women participants who attended the Women Doing Theology Workshop (WDT). It also featured an article written by Anna Marsiana from Indonesia highlighting Indonesian government’s intervention to control women’s body, sexuality and mobility by imposing laws and policies against women in Indonesia. The Solidarity space brought to the international attention the illegal arrest of the 43 health workers in the Philippines.



PRAXIS Issue No. 2 May-August 2010 in on the theme, “Sowing the seeds of ecological justice,” reflecting the global theme of the Federation on Climate Justice. This issue featured an article from Theresa Conception giving a succinct description of the ecological crisis not only limited to climate change but all of the different eco-systems of the planet. The Biblico-theological Reflection is from Hope Antone focusing on Genesis 1, the Creation Story, using the eco-feminist lens in interpreting the text. This issue also featured the Anti-POSCO Campaign in Orissa, India, giving voices to the farmers and indigenous people from the villages who are struggling against development aggression and their rights to the land.

NEW ENGAGEMENT

Network of SCM Senior Friends in Asia Pacific (NESCAP)



The WSCF and SCM Senior Friends Gathering was held on 19th April 2010 during the 13th General Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. With 40 senior friends and students attending the event, the gathering aimed to bring together the senior friends and students who were participating in the CCA Assembly to a time of fellowship and introduction, to share the life and work of WSCF AP and to discuss possible plans for the formation of NESCAP or the Network of Student Christian Movements Senior Friends in the Asia Pacific Region (NESCAP).

With the limited time available for the Gathering, the brief program was moderated by **Immanuel Kitnan**, WSCF Exco member from Sri Lanka. After a brief introduction by the participants, **Necta Montes** and **Sunita Suna**, WSCF AP staff shared the current situation and the ongoing programmes and activities of WSCF AP. This was followed by a sharing from **David Das**, senior friend from SCM Bangladesh on their experience of forming the senior friend group called, “SANGKO” or bridge in Bangladesh. He added that SANGKO, although newly formed, has initiated activities aimed at supporting the work of the current SCM and creating a platform for senior friends to regularly meet and support each other. SANGKO’s future plan includes the construction of an SCM Development Center that will provide space for the SCM office and activities and lodging for SCM students coming from the provinces who are studying in Dhaka.



Philip Mathew, senior friend from SCM India, who is also part of the Gathering's Coordinating Committee shared the concept of NESCAP and asked the group to discuss the following guide questions after the sharing. The two questions for discussion were: give suggestions of how NESCAP should be structured; give three plans for possible action in the next six months.



2010 WSCF AP Regional Calendar

2010 Calendar

January

- 23 - 26 **EASYNET Coordinating Team (CT) Meeting**, YMCA Philippines, Manila, Philippines
- 29 **APA Y MCA Executive Committee Meeting**, Hong Kong

February

- 2 **HKCARRP Planning Meeting**, Hong Kong
- 5 **EAP Meeting (online)**
- 6 **HRJP Workshop Planning (online)**
- 11 **HRJP Workshop Conference on Visa (online)**
- 18 **Picket/Mobilization on Morong 43**, Philippine Consulate, Hong Kong
- 21 **Universal Day of Prayer for Students (UDPS) on Climate Justice**, Global
- 25 **Standing Committee Meeting (online)**
- 26 **Picket/Mobilization on Burma**, Thailand Consulate, Hong Kong

March

- 3 **HRJP Meeting (online)**
- 22 **Ecumenical Dialogue with Dr. KC Abraham**, WSCF Office, Hong Kong
- 8 **International Women's Day Celebration**, Regional and Global

April

- 10 – 13 **CCA Pre-Assembly Youth Forum**, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia
- 14 – 21 **CCA 13th General Assembly "Called to Prophecy, Reconcile and Heal"**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 19 **WSCF Senior Friends Gathering and Launch of Network of Student Christian Movement Senior Friends in the Asia Pacific Region (NESCAP)**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 22 **Meeting with Church of Sweden Mission (CoS)**, Hong Kong

- May 6 **EASYNET CT Meeting (online)**

June

- 3 – 11 **EASYNET CT Meeting (online)**
- 18 **Picket on Burma**, Burmese Embassy, Hong Kong

July

- 17-18 **World Council Meeting of World Alliance of YMCA**, Hong Kong
- 16 – 18 **WSCF AP Regional Committee Pre-Women's Meeting**, Manado, Indonesia
- 18 – 27 **WSCF AP Regional Committee Meeting (RCM)**, Tomohon, Indonesia

August

- 8 **EASYNET Hong Kong Forum**, Hong Kong
- 18 **SCM Honk Kong Fellowship Lunch with senior friends**
- 18 **Standing Committee Meeting (online)**
- 12- **EASYNET CT Meeting (online)**

October

9- 15 **WSCF AP Human Rights Justice and Peace (HRJP) Workshop on Indigenous Human Rights,**
Wu Kwai Sha, Hong Kong

3rd wk EASYNET Youth Week Celebration

26 -Nov 5 **WSCF Global Staff /Officer and Executive Committee Meeting,** Beirut, Lebanon

November

18 – 25 **World Council of Churches Assembly Planning Committee (WCC APC),** Greece

28 – Dec 8 **WSCF AP Student Empowerment for Transformation (SET) on Climate Justice,**
Colombo, Sri Lanka

December

9 **International Human Rights Day Celebration,** Chater Garden, Hong Kong

11 **SCM Philippines 50th Anniversary Celebration,** Manila, Philippines

17 **Regional Staff Christmas Lunch**

List of Officers, Staff, Member Movements, Networks and Partners

Standing Committee Members (2008 – 2010)

- Yin Yin Maw, Myanmar - Chairperson (until July)
- Jahartap Yustin Pasaribu, Indonesia – Vice chairperson (until July), Chairperson (from August)
- Phan Dara, Cambodia – Vice chairperson (from August)
- Immanuel Gopala Kitnan, Sri Lanka – Exco Member
- Bronwyn Crowe, Australia – Exco Member
- Wanyu Poon, Hong Kong - Member-at-Large (until July)
- Bartin Gomez, Bangladesh – Member-at-Large (until July)
- Gayeon Lee, Korea – Member-at-large (from August)
- Hui Fan Lam, Hong Kong – Member-at-large (from August)

Regional Women’s Committee Members (2008 – 2010)

- Ashani Rhoda John, Sri Lanka (until July)
- Cha Eun Hye, Korea (until July)
- Bronwyn Crowe, Australia
- Wanyu Poon, Hong Kong (until July)
- Selfitrianin Kula, Indonesia (from August)
- Misato Sasaki, Japan (from August)
- Mani Mandal, Bangladesh (from August)
- Gayeon Lee, Korea (from August)
- Sunita Sumati Suna, India

Regional Staff/Team

- Necta Montes Rocas, Philippines – Regional Secretary (*fulltime*)
- Sunita Sumati Suna, India – Regional Women’s Coordinator (*fulltime*)
- Doim Bang Joo, Korea – Human Rights Coordinator (*volunteer/part-time*)

WSCF AP Member Movement and Contact Persons in 2010

- Aotearoa SCM - Vacant, Coordinator
- Australia SCM – Tim Ngui, WSCF Liaison Officer
- Bangladesh SCM - Godfrey Rathin Sarkar, *General Secretary*
- CSCM, Cambodia SCM – Mor Kim Houn, Coordinator
- Hong Kong SCM – Lau Kim Ling, Executive Secretary
- India SCM – Samuel A. Jayakumar, General Secretary
- GMKI Indonesia SCM – Lydia Kristina, Chairperson, Communication and International Affairs
- Japan Student YMCA – Yuria Yokohama, Executive Secretary
- Korean Student Christian Federation, KSCF – Kim Oh Sung, General Secretary
- University Christian Work, Myanmar SCM – Kaythi Min Din, General Secretary
- Philippine SCM – Kristine Valerio, General Secretary
- Sri Lanka SCM – Timothy Kumaratunga, General Secretary
- Taiwan SCM – Rev. Tan Ho Tek, General Secretary

- Thailand SCM – Vacant, Coordinator
- Movimento Estudante Cristao Timor Leste – Antonio da Silva, Chairperson

Partners

- General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church, USA
- World Church Office, The United Methodist Church, United Kingdom
- Church of Sweden Mission, Sweden
- Common Global Ministries of Christian Church and United Church of Christ, USA
- Council for World Mission (CWM)
- General Board for Church and Society (GBCS), The United Methodist Church, USA
- Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit, The United Church of Canada
- Partners in Mission, The Anglican Church of Canada
- Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
- International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, Thailand
- Presbyterian Church in Taiwan
- Christian Conference of Asia
- Fellowship of Least Coin
- World Council of Churches

Networks and Groups in 2010

- Ecumenical Asia-Pacific Students and Youth Network, EASYNET
- Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs, Hong Kong
- Christian Conference of Asia, CCA, Hong Kong
- World Young Women Christian Association, WYWCA, Geneva
- International Movement of Catholic Students Asia Pacific, IMCS, Philippines
- International Young Christian Students Asia, IYCS, Philippines
- Asian Student Association ,ASA, Hong Kong
- Documentation for Action Groups in Asia, DAGA, Hong Kong
- Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC), Hong Kong
- Asian Women Resource Center (AWRC), Malaysia
- Asian Church Women’s Conference (ACWC), Taiwan