

World Student Christian Federation Asia-Pacific (WSCF A-P)
20th Standing Committee Meeting Minutes
February 6 to 11, 2011, WSCF AP Regional Office, Hong Kong



(WSCF A-P Standing Committee Members with SCM Hong Kong students and senior friends)

7th March – Day 1

Opening Worship

The Opening Worship was held in the morning of the first day led by Necta Montes, WSCF AP Regional Secretary on the theme “Servant Leadership” and the bible reflection on Philippians 2:5-11. In this biblical reading, Paul reminded the Philippians of their steadfast faith in God by following the life of Jesus Christ. In sharing her experience, Necta highlighted some points from the bible passage that reflected the important leadership values and principles for WSCF. In Philippians, Jesus Christ, the divine, did not consider himself equal with God, but became human and assumed the nature of a slave. Jesus served with humility and love to others, healing the sick, serving the deprived, poor and marginalized people, and leading by example. He did not declare himself as a leader, but Necta also warned about the tendency of some leaders to be corrupted by the power of leadership and abuse the position to perpetuate themselves in power. She asked everyone to reflect on the passage and the theme on servant

leadership by answering the following questions, what does the Lord require of us as servant of God? what leadership is required for WSCF and SCMs?

After the Opening Worship, the Search Committee for the WSCF Asia Pacific Regional Secretary position began its meeting. The WSCF regional staff, Necta Montes and Sunita Suna inhibited themselves from this session. Please note that the minutes of the Search Committee is not included in this minutes and will and a separate report will be presented to the Standing Committee after their meeting.

I. Roll Call

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| 1. Mr. Jahartap Yustin Pasaribu (Indonesia) | Chairperson |
| 2. Ms. Phan Dara (Cambodia) | Vice-chairperson |
| 3. Mr. Immanuel Gopala Kitnan (Sri Lanka) | Exco Member |
| 4. Ms. Bronwyn Crowe (Australia) | Exco Member |
| 5. Ms. Fanny Lam (Hong Kong) | Member-at-large |
| 6. Ms. Gayeon Lee (Korea) | Member-at-large |
| 7. Ms. Janejinda Pawadee (Thailand) | WSCF Global Vice-chairperson |
| 8. Ms. Necta Montes (Philippines) | Regional Secretary |
| 9. Ms. Sunita Suna (India) | Regional Women's Coordinator |

At the time of the roll-call, 5 voting members were present out of the 6 voting members of the Standing Committee, Ms. Phan Dara arrived late for the meeting at 3PM HK time. With the majority members present, the Chairperson declared a quorum and began the business session.

II. Approval of the Agenda for the 20th Standing Committee Meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review of 2009 Standing Committee Minutes
 - Review of 10th RCM Minutes for matters referred to Standing Committee
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
5. Regional Secretary's Report
6. Regional Women's Coordinator Report
7. WSCF Exco Meeting Sharing
8. Approval of 2010 Financial Audit Report
9. Program Review and Evaluation
10. Planning for 2011-2012
 - New Initiatives
11. Fund-raising strategies and plans
12. Movement Building
 - sharing and evaluation of the National SCMs
 - Report from Nepal SCM

- Sharing from Malaysia SCM
- 13. Report from the Regional Women's Committee (RWC)
 - Program Evaluation and Proposal
 - Recommendation on Sunita's Contract
- 14. Evaluation of Sunita Suna, Regional Women's Coordinator
- 15. Discussion of Renewal of Sunita's Contract
- 16. Appointment of Human Rights Coordinator
- 17. Report and Recommendation from the WSCF Asia Pacific Regional Secretary Search Committee
- 18. Discussion and Approval of the Recommendation from the Search Committee
 - further actions to be taken
 - discussion on the details of the contract to be proposed to the WSCF Exco
- 19. Any Other Business (AOB)

VOTED: The Standing Committee approved the Agenda.

III. Appointment of Recording Secretaries

VOTED: The Committee appointed Sunita Suna and Bronwyn Crowe as official recording secretaries of the 20th Standing Committee Meeting.

IV. Matters Arising from the Minutes 19th Standing Committee in 2009 and Review of the 19th RCM Minutes in 2010

Yustin went through the minutes of the 19th Standing Committee Meeting page by page.

Correction was made on page 6 under “V. Matters Arising from the Standing Committee Minutes, Movement Building in Malaysia and Fiji,” first line, to remove the word “Fiji” after “and Malaysia.”

Yustin requested Necta to share the written report submitted to the Standing Committee from official visit done by former chairperson Yinyin Maw and Necta Montes to the SCM Singapore. This matter was put under the Movement Building discussion on Agenda 12 for further discussion.

An update was requested on the current situation of the CCA-WSCF Joint Program Committee as recorded on page 18 of the Minutes under, “XVII. Sharing from the joint meeting of CCA and WSCF AP.” Necta shared that the CWP is currently inactive due to the absence of members from the CCA side. There was no follow-up from the CCA side on the plans and recommendation from the previous meeting. Although we have a strong relationship with CCA, the absence of the CCA staff for youth affects the cooperation in the practical way. CCA is currently without a staff Youth Secretary at present. Joint Program Committee is not functioning at the moment. The appointment process for a new Youth and Women’s Secretary, including

work on Joint Program, is underway. She added that a report on WSCF AP's participation in the CCA Assembly in April in 2010 is contained in the Regional Secretary's Report.

Necta explained the work done on the amendments to the WSCF AP By-laws recommended in the last Standing Committee Meeting on page 25 under, "Role of the Search Committee and Credentials Committee." She added that the amendments submitted by the Standing Committee were approved by the 19th RCM in 2010.

V. Review of 19th Regional Committee Meeting (RCM) in 2010

The SC also reviewed the 19th RCM Minutes to follow-through the mandates for the Standing Committee to take immediate action. These were;

- An immediate action to implement the WSCF AP Regional Secretary's Search Process and form the Search Committee composed of Standing Committee members, 1 WSCF global officer, 1 senior friend, and Regional Secretary.
- The recommendation for SCM Nepal to be an associate member of WSCF to the next WSCF General Assembly
- To consider the Thematic Commission recommendations for program planning and implementation
- To make a detailed plan for the WSCF AP Regional Programs for 2011 and 2012

VI. WSCF ExCo Meeting and Global Advocacy Committee Sharing (See Appendix 1)

Immanuel shared the results of the WSCF Executive Committee Meeting that was held from October 29 to November 7, 2010 in Beirut, Lebanon. 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. Key points discussed during the Exco Meeting were:

- Christine Housel was appointed as WSCF Co-Secretary General. Some confusion exists on the use of the term Co-Secretary General or Secretary General.
- WSCF General Assembly is planned to be held with the following options: 2012 in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Region, 2013 in Korea in conjunction with WCC General Assembly in Busan, South Korea. A GA Preparatory Committee was formed to study the options.
- Development Team has been established to oversee EAP and general financial management by WSCF.
- The WSCF is currently experiencing a cash flow crisis. The staff are uncertain how their salaries will be paid for the next 6 months.

Leni Valeriano, WSCF AP representative to the WSCF Global Advocacy and Solidarity Committee (GAC) sent her sharing on the work of the Global Advocacy Committee (GAC) by email. During the WSCF ExCo Meeting and Leadership Training in Beirut, the Advocacy and Solidarity Committee shared some of its beginnings, responsibilities and modus of operation as

part of the global federation. In brief, here are some of the discussions during the training and Exco meeting in relation to Advocacy and Solidarity Committee.

The ASC is not another layer of structure in the Federation, but a means to coordinate efforts in various levels of federation and its mandate is to help guide the federation in sorting the emphasis in advocacy and solidarity. ASC is composed of representative from each region, staff and a senior friend. Leni, for that matter will have to work closely with our regional HRJP Committee, foster collaboration and coordination with national HR officers and help campaign within our local movements to engage in advocacy and solidarity.

Because the Exco had the theme of the Leadership Training on Climate Change, our region shared about our initiative how we tackle this issue in our programs. However, we emphasized that climate change should not be isolated issue but also be connected with ecological justice as more holistic approach to include issues like mining and exploitative extraction of minerals, its connection to people (especially farmers and indigenous peoples) and the environment which is more prevalent in our region and others.

On the Water Campaign, instead of having a "no to bottled water campaign," a more inclusive Water Campaign is approved. Among those agreed upon:

- a. 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. In AP we have nominated Caleb of SCM India in the 1st Task Force Meeting is set this February 10.
- b. 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.
- c. Collection of Water Stories to be compiled as a book, with story contributions from each region.

The Exco reiterated our call to 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.

Following these updates from the ExcO and ASC, I would also offer some thoughts and updates. First of all, as coming from SCM Philippines, we are thankful for your support on the Free the 43 Health workers campaign. They were freed in December (though 3 are remaining in jail) after they held resolutely a hunger strike and local and international pressure outpouring.

Secondly, at this point the Standing Committee should also I think tackle the formation of HRJP Committee of the Region which is mandated thru the by-laws and which was due to be formed since in the last RCM. The HRJP Committee had not been formed since it was approved in

2009 RCM and effectively formed in the last RCM 2010 in Indonesia. There was so much energy and excitement for it even before it was formally approved by the RCM 2008 and even having current members of the Standing Committee as its members. The potential of the HRJP Committee is so big not just for helping the regional office carry out and outline HR Program objectives, but also in terms of gathering initiative in our region and local movements in the AP for solidarity and advocacy.

There was also a Plan for the AP HRJP Committee in Manila in March 2011. However, if we haven't formed the HRJP Committee yet by that time, we can look at still having it in Manila this year. It would be good to sound-off that there will also be an International Festival on Peoples Rights and Struggles in 1st wk of July in Manila, with some youth forum. It would also be a good opportunity for exposure and networking.

Recommendation: Standing Committee requests from the IRO the minutes or key points of the ExCo Meeting 2010 in Lebanon for the official record and confirmation of matters discussed during the meeting.

VII. Sharing on the Global Christian Forum *(See Appendix 2)*

Yustin shared his experience and participation at the Asian Regional Meeting of the Global Christian Forum (GCF), held in Seoul, Korea from November 12 to 16, 2010. The GCF Meeting was attended by 60 participants representing World Council of Churches (WCC) member churches and councils, the global Pentecostal and Evangelical Alliances, and the Catholic Bishops Conferences. The third meeting for the Asia Region, it aimed to: foster relationships and mutual understanding between the churches of different Christian traditions in Asia; learn from the experiences in some Asian countries where churches from a wide range of traditions have been able to come closer to one another; contribute to the progress of the vision of the Global Christian Forum in Asia; provide input from Asia into the Second Global Forum Gathering of October 2011. The program included morning worships, evening prayers with inspiring individual testimonies, workshops and group discussion. Highlights of the meeting came from the results of the group discussions on Ecumenism, the role of the GCF and plenary report containing the recommendations and summary of the meeting.

Yustin shared his positive feedback in attending this meeting and encourage WSCF to continue to engage in this space, especially to establish links and work closely with the youth and student of the Evangelical and Pentecostal Alliances. WSCF was invited by the WCC to represent the youth in this meeting.

VIII. Sharing on the WSCF USA Launch

Gayeon participated in the WSCF USA launching from October 8 – 11, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia. With the theme, "Overcoming Violence: Encountering the Past, Engaging the Present and Envisioning the Future," the launch was attended by more than 50 participants from all over the

USA, mostly students and senior friends, and friends of WSCF. Gayeon shared about the content of the program and purpose of the event.

After 40 years of dormancy, SCM USA was launched at this event as a movement, with the following objectives; Develop and empower student leadership (organize national board and regional representatives, and approve by-laws); Stand-up against oppression and seek justice through both words and deeds; Create a completely inclusive space for students to claim their Christian identity (tolerant of all diverse positions, except those that are intolerant of diversity). And also remain open to those students who abide by these values and wish to be in this community, but do not name themselves explicitly as Christian; Dialogue, listen, and critically analyze the world from a Christian perspective; Lift up the prophetic voices of students, speak truth to power, engage the tension between orthodoxy and prophecy; Perform innovative theological reflection and production; Prayer, Spiritual Reflection, Worship (reflecting ecumenical variety); Work from a foundation in Scripture, in a container of grassroots-based community for support and accountability; Communicate with, and open our hearts to those of other faiths, and how our efforts for God's work may be complementary; Pursue all this work in such a way that our efforts can be sustained, with an emphasis on self-care and pastoral care of one another. The program included opening speeches and dialogues, workshops, bible studies and creative worships. Gayeon observed that much time was spent on discussing the technical organizational formation such as the constitution which was difficult for the observers to follow-through especially those with language difficulties.

The first day of the meeting ended at 7PM.

8th February – Day 2

Morning Prayer

The Morning Prayer and reflection was led by Phan Dara.

IX. Regional Women's Coordinator Report (See Appendix 3)

Sunita presented her report to the Standing Committee.

Immanuel raised concern about the lack of Women's Coordinators and women's leadership within the National Movements. A discussion followed on development of women's leadership within National Movements to promote more women in leadership positions in some movements such as SCM Sri Lanka, SCM Indonesia.

VOTED: The Regional Women's Coordinator Report was accepted with thanks.

X. Report of the Regional Women's Committee

Gayeon presented the report from the Regional Women's Committee with the following summary.

The RWC Meeting began with the sharing of the women's programs and activities in the national movements presented by the RWC members from the sub-region, they evaluated the situation of the programs. The work of the Regional Women's Program was also evaluated by the Committee Members for the Joint Women's Program (JWP), sub-regional programs and regional levels thru the SWOT Analysis.

The RWC proposed the following vision for the RWP for 2011-2012:

- to seek self-liberation, transformation, and new perspectives about sexual equality
- to build an inclusive non-violent community
- to break the structure of domination and subordination, and
- to promote equality and women leadership

Plans for the Women Doing Theology (WDT) Regional Workshop 2011 was also presented with the detailed dates and venue.

XI. Regional Women's Coordinator Evaluation and Extension Contract

The RWC also evaluated the performance of Sunita, the Regional Women's Coordinator. Sunita has written to the Standing Committee signifying her intention to work for another 2 years as Coordinator and requested for an increase in her salary. Given this request, the RWC members evaluated her performance and presented a recommendations to the Standing Committee for action.

Bronwyn presented the results of the performance evaluation done by the RWC members to the Standing Committee. Based on the results, Sunita was evaluated positively by the members, with some areas that will require more focus and improvement from Sunita. A detailed report will be submitted by the RWC on Sunita's evaluation. On this basis, the Standing Committee received the report from the RWC and went for a discussion and a consensus.

Recommendation: The Regional Women's Committee (RWC) recommends for Sunita Suna's extension of contract for the two years from June 2011 to June 2013 and 10% increase in her salary beginning the new contract.

VOTED: The Standing Committee accepted the recommendation by consensus.

XII . Regional Secretary's Report (See Appendix 4)

Necta presented the Regional Secretary's report in 3 parts: reports of the programmes organized during the year 2009-2010; reflections and evaluations and financial report for 2010.

Necta made the following recommendations in her report and evaluation:

- 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 2009. The WSCF Global Exco Meeting was postponed 3 times in the last two years due to lack of resources as IRO needs to radically change its capacity to function due to financial limitation. At the moment, the IRO is working on a 3-year budget deficit and accumulating debts and advances from WCC to support its operational budget. The Asia Pacific region needs to address this situation in the next one year and make some adjustment internally within its operation and programming structure. After the 2009 Economic crisis, we have lost 2 partners (NCC Australia (2009) and Anglican Church of Canada (2010)). Although we have been able to find alternative funding, this situation will only deteriorate and would put pressure on our already limited and over-stretched resources. For example, the RCM recommended that movements offering to host regional programs and meetings should make a significant contribution to the local cost of the program through local fund-raising. What is our strategic vision and plan to support the regional programs and operations of the AP regional office (staff salary, administrative cost, etc)?
- As we anticipate a transition, support for the in-coming Regional Secretary and Regional Women's Coordinator through regular communication and online meetings will be crucial. The SC needs to ensure that the direction and priorities set by the RCM are followed through, that the new movements are supported, that the funding situation remains stable, and the staff welfare and morale are high. My suggestion is to form small group (2 persons) can be the transition team that will take this responsibility on the next 3 to 6 months during the transition period. As the out-going Regional Secretary, I am committed to make the transition smooth and to offer my time, advice and expertise in this process.
- Regional programs should remain relevant to the needs of the SCMs and the quality is of high value. We need to deepen our faith reflections and sharpen our social analytical tools continuously during the programs. 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 activities. 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.

Discussion:

Necta said that now she is more focused to raise funds for this year and probably next year and complete the unfinished reports. Because it would be overwhelming for the new Regional Secretary to implement programmes immediately after she/ he takes over the position.

Justin asked Necta to share about her experience on the programme especially the criteria for selection of participants to the regional programmes. Necta said that it's difficult to ask all the movements to follow the same criteria, since some small movements are even struggling to send one delegate. Criteria should therefore be considered as a guide, rather than a rule. She said, the intention of the Regional programme is to develop leaders for the movement, so that regional programs are spaces to help develop critical consciousness and contribute in the local movements. But it's not always the same with all the participants. Without the national movements it's difficult to bring awareness so regional programmes are the bridge of the national movements. Regional programmes transform people and connect each other through the programme. But the impact needs to be developed in the grassroots level.

Immanuel said, that regional programmes are crucial and it has helped many young students to take the leadership roles, like the current leadership of the SCMs in Sri Lanka (Timothy) and Korea (Gayeon).

Regarding the Human Rights Programme, Immanuel asked how it is received by the movements. Necta explained that it is one of the stronger regional programs and getting funding, but after so much effort no one has applied for the HR Coordinator in the last round of application. Necta said, Bangjoo was not very active in the last part of his term as Coordinator, and it was hard as we expect them to help get the Human Rights Committee actively function. Unfortunately it didn't materialize as planned, unlike in the previous terms. The Coordinator really needs to inspire and bring the people together. From the Committee, we still have Caleb from SCM India and Leni from the Philippines but do not have the representatives from other sub-regions. Maybe the problem was finding a way to make the transition much smoother in terms of the mechanism.

Recommendation: Immanuel suggested that a need-based evaluation from the movement's point of view on the HR program should be done, because the movement should own this and understand the need of the HR issues.

In relation of the Human Rights Committee and workshop, the HR Committee needs to plan the Workshop, and the coordinator will take responsibility to plan, coordinate the programme.

Necta added that movements are already organizing programmes on Human Rights, Justice and Peace issues like in SCM India, Philippines, Korea, so it's not new to the movements.

Sunita said that in addition to evaluation it's necessary to identify a person for the coordinator who is already involved and most importantly having passion on the issue of HR and she/he can connect, bring together or mobilize the students and make them involved.

Recommendation: The Standing Committee proposed to request Leni Valeriano to become the interim coordinator until a new HR coordinator is selected.

Regarding SELF, Necta suggested that the SELF should be organized for the SCM General Secretaries and Coordinators. The SCM GenSec and Coordinators can attend the SELF, as the content is very much relevant for the leaders in the SCMs.

But the SC members felt that SELF is too long for the Gen Secretaries to be away from their movement work. But the SET Program or a different name can be a training for the General Secretary, which can be organized every year. The SELF can be for the students for even 1 month with more intense and deep focus on theological grounding, tools for social analysis, and skills training.

Gayeon shared her positive experience attending the SELF in 2009, encouraging her to be more involved in the work of movement. She added that KSCF sends the fresh / for the 2nd line leadership to SELF.

Recommendation: For the SELF program participants to invite students and to reconstruct the content of the SET program for the SCM General Secretaries and Coordinators. Necta also added for the SC to give a clearer direction in terms of the content of the SELF and SET to the incoming Regional Secretary.

Necta reminded the SC that WSCF organizes an average of 4 to 5 Regional Programmes and meetings each year. Each program and meeting is an opportunity for the national movements to participate, and if the movements can plan ahead to send the appropriate/suitable person then it would be more beneficial to the movement.

XIII. Audited Finance Report for 2010 and Budget for 2011-2012 (See Appendix 5, hard-copy only)

Necta presented the financial report to be submitted to the External Auditors and clarified some of the questions on projected deficit incurred from the depreciation of the value of the property of WSCF AP, which is the regional office.

Necta also reminded the Committee members that WSCF AP's major partners such as GBGM has commitment to support WSCF until 2010, while the CSM until 2011. The new Regional Secretary needs to negotiate with the funders for the next cycle and find strategies to raise funds further.

Necta, also presented the budget for 2011- 2012, and it was accepted.

PROPOSED INCOME (2011-2012)

SOURCE/FUNDING PARTNER	(2011)AMOUNT USD	CATEGORY	(2012)AMOUNT USD	CATEGORY
GBGM United Methodist Church USA	25,000	MG, Women, Admin	25,000	MG, Women, Admin
Methodist Church UK	12,000	Core Funding	12,000	Core Funding
Church of Sweden Mission	25,000	Human Rights, Women	25,000	Human Rights, Women
United Church of Canada	13,000	Core Funding, Human Rights	13,000	Core Funding
Presbyterian Church of Taiwan	8,000	Undesignated	8,000	Undesignated

(PCT)				
Presbyterian Church of Korea (PROK)	3,000	Undesignated	3,000	Undesignated
Japan NCC	1,100	Undesignated	1,100	Undesignated
International Fellowship of the Least Coin (IFLC)	-	Women	5,000	Women
518 Memorial	3,000	Human Rights	3,000	Human Rights
Council for World Mission (CWM)	15,000	SELF	10,000	SET
CWS NZ	1,000	SELF	1,000	SET
Global Ministries	1,000	Undesignated	1,000	Undesignated
PC USA	2,000	Undesignated	2,000	Undesignated
Rent and Others	10,000	Undesignated	10,000	Undesignated
Senior Friends Appeal	5,000	Undesignated	5,000	Undesignated
Projected Total :	124,100		124,100	
Others (on-going fund-raising)				
GBCS	(3,000)	Human Rights	(3,000)	Human Rights
WCC	(3,000)	Human Rights	(3,000)	Human Rights
To be identified/re-established		To be identified	(20,600)	
Anglican Church of Canada	(3,000)		-	
NCC/CWS Australia	(3,000)		-	
Others	(3,100)			
<i>Fund-raising projection</i>	<i>(15,100)</i>		<i>(26,600)</i>	
Grand Total	139,200		150,700	

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE (2011-2012)

BUGET ITEM	(2011) AMOUNT	SOURCE	(2012) AMOUNT	SOURCE
Movement Grant <i>Bangladesh (1,000)</i> <i>Philippines (1,000)</i> <i>Sri Lanka (1,000)</i> <i>Indonesia(1,000)</i> <i>Myanmar(1,000)</i> <i>Cambodia (1,000)</i> <i>Timor Leste (1,000)</i> <i>Thailand (1,000)</i> <i>Pakistan (1,000)</i> <i>Nepal (1,000)</i>	10,000	GBGM, Senior Friend's Appeal	10,000	GBGM, Senior Friend's Appeal
Movement Visit	2,000	Undesignated	2,000	Undesignated
Praxis	6,000	Undesignated	6,000	Undesignated
Standing Committee 2011 (HK)	10,000	Undesignated		
Regional Committee (India)			15,000	Undesignated
WSCF General Assembly (Provisional)			10,000	Undesignated
HRJP Program 2011 (Japan)	10,000	CSM,UCC	10,000	CSM,UCC
HRJP Program 2012			15,000	
SELF (2011)	15,000	CWM		
SET 2012			10,000	CWM
EasyNet -Annual Fee (1000) -CT Meeting (500)	2,500	Undesignated	2,500	Undesignated

-Annual Program (1000)				
Women's Program	15,000	CSM, IFLC, GBGM	15,000	CSM, IFLC, GBGM
GS Meeting/Program 2011	10,000	Undesignated		
Publications				
-Movement Bldg Handbook 2011	1,500	Designated		
-WDT Guidebook 2011	2,000	Designated		
Other Regional/Global programs	3,000		3,000	
-Staff Meeting/Exco Meeting				
Salary	37,200	GBGM, Undesignated	37,200	GBGM, Undesignated
Admin Cost	10,000	GBGM, Undesignated	10,000	GBGM, Undesignated
Contingency	5,000	Undesignated	5,000	Undesignated
Projected Total	139,200		150,700	

VOTED: The Standing Committee accepted the 2010 Audited Financial Report and Budget for 2011-2012.

Updates on New Movement Building

Nepal SCM

Necta shared that SCM Nepal will be launched officially in April 2011 after the SCM Planning Meeting was held in December 2010. The movement is now working on the documents necessary for the launching, such as the by-laws, constitution, orientation paper. Rajesh Raj is the leader and a new Committee has been formed that is working towards the launch of SCM Nepal.

Immanuel shared that it is very important to work with the new movements very closely, as the new movements will go through some difficulties in their formation stage. We also need to find a strategy to function more effectively. He suggested not to send huge amount for financial support to the movement at this stage, until they mature and grounded with future plans and roles and responsibilities.

Necta shared about the movement strategy with SCM Timor Leste and Cambodia, where funds were needed to organize initial programs to build the movement and send interns to accompany the process. The interns will accompany the movement to develop the basic foundation of the new SCM. But its not always successful due a lot of factors. Like Cambodia is very much influenced by the NGO way of working and TL wanted to work in a very grand way like GMKI from the beginning. Now its taking a different characters, maybe due to the situation or influence by the group they are working with.

Immanuel suggested to keep the money in a special bank account and keep in the office and later give the money until they grounded. The money to Nepal can be given for the programmes.

Justin asked if WSCF can recommend the contents for the by-laws? Can WSCF also send an intern to Nepal?

Suggestion was made to request a stronger movement such as SCM India to send an intern to Nepal. Sunita suggested that the intern should have a strong SCM background to contribute in movement building.

SCM Malaysia

Regarding Malaysia SCM, Ee chia is interested in starting the unit and she met with the senior friends from Malaysia. A unit can be established in the Monash university with the help of the senior friend who is teaching in that university.

Fiji SCM

Regarding Fiji, Necta said if we want to start the movement in Fiji then the person has to be based in Fiji. If SCM Australia and New Zealand can sit together and work with the Fiji members. Bronwyn said, it might not be possible for ASCM, because they are restructuring ASCM, and they need to be stable first. Already in the process in communicating the sr. friends and they are interested, but only because of the time constraint they are not committed. Necta also proposed if the Regional Secretary can be based there for at least 6 months to do the ground work.

Because of the practical difficulties form Movement Building, we need to focus now – Nepal, Malaysia and Singapore and later we can move to PNG and Fiji.

VOTED: The Regional Secretary's Report is approved and received with thanks.

XIV. Movement Building

Strength Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Analysis on the SCMs

Fanny presented the matrix of the SWOT Analysis of the SCMs in the Asia Pacific region compiled from the SCM National Reports presented at the 20th RCM in July 2010.

Discussion:

Australia SCM

Bronwyn updated a bit about the situation of ASCM. There is financial resources but they cannot find a full-time person to work for ASCM. She shared that there is conflict between Christians and Seculars in the universities. Gayeon asked if someone from other country/movement can go and work in ASCM? She also shared the concern that someone from Australia has to be appointed, since its not working effectively to appoint from other countries/ national movements for cultural differences, as ASCM tried with Leni a few years back.

WSCF programme is instrumental in attracting young people, particularly for the Human Rights Program, so linking with the programme is important and try to contact with few staff and in the process of appointing a new person.

Cambodia SCM

Phan Dara gave an updated on the situation of the movement, they are able to organize regular activities and student membership have increased to 35. The activities are not being conducted in the church called Compassion.

Necta shared the concern of SCM Cambodia for financial support to rent their own office. She explained that WSCF AP do not have that capacity to support this need, but since CSCM have applied EAP funding, there is possibilities of getting funds to support their work. EAP however is mainly to support the programmes and not for administrative and salaries.

Dara shared about the activities on women and children. Kimhoun organized a training programme and contributed 20% of the income to the CSCM. There was a question on an earlier plan to start the office from Paddy's house, but this plan did not materialize since it was inconvenient to operate with many people in the house. A Women's Program supported by the Church of Compassion was organized. The church provided a space for CSCM, but due to different understanding of faith and social work, it was not working out.

Necta also informed the group that she met with Rev. Shin and the Pastor of the Ecumenical Church in Cambodia during the CCA GA and its still possible for PROK to provide space for CSCM with no conditions. She informed CSCM staff about this, but there is no follow up from CSCM. She suggested for Kimhoun to still talk to the Pastor of the Ecumenical church to follow-up this agreement.

Jane share that there is a problem of mistrust among people working in NGOs and churches in Cambodia. There is also an issue of competition among churches.

Sunita asked how much would be the rent for the office and how often the space is going to be used? Phad dara responded by saying that the office is for everyday use and to organize meetings and activities.

Immanuel said, he wants to help and work with Kimhoun if they are interested for a long / short term plans. Dara said that they need an office no matter small or big to at least show the government which is necessary for their registration as an NGO in Cambodia.

SCM Pakistan

There has been no leadership change in SCM Pakistan, the General Secretary and Chairperson remains the same. The movement has received EAP funding in this cycle and was able to organize national programs. We have yet to receive report on the next Assembly and election of the movement.

SCM Timor Leste

Members observed and expressed concern that the leadership of the movement has not changed in the last four years. Necta explained that the SCM Timor Leste has not had their National Congress since 2009, hence there is no leadership transition up to this time. However, Antonio has left Timor Leste and is now studying in Indonesia, the leadership of the movement has been handed over to the other younger leaders. She noted that since Nina left as an intern, the movement has been able to sustain its activities and has developed relationship with mainstream groups and receives funding from the government.

Recommendation: Propose WSCF AP Standing Committee Chairperson Yustin attend the SCM TL Congress in 2011.

SCM Singapore

Necta shared the report on the Movement Visit to SCM Singapore done by the WSCF immediate past Chairperson Yinyin Maw and herself. A copy of the report was read by Necta to the members of the SC. They re-iterated the recommendations made by Necta and Yinyin to continue with the dialogue and communication with the current staff and senior friends.

A question was raised on how does WSCF AP deal with National Movement leadership that remain in positions of power for an extended length of time. Necta shared the experiences in the past with other movements but reiterated that WSCF does not intervene with the internal decision-making processes of the movements, it can provide advice and exert some pressure once an agreement is reached among the members. In extreme cases, it can recommend to stop the communication and bar the movement from participating in any WSCF programs and events, this will require an action from the Standing Committee.

3rd DAY - 9th February

Fanny led the Bible Study on the text Luke 9:57-62. She shared her reflections on the text.

Discussion on the SWOT for the National Movements continued.

Aoteroa/New Zealand SCM

Necta gave an update about NZ. She said that since Michael Wallace returned to NZ, the movement was reactivated, they had their AGM and they appointed Neill Ballantine, participant to the SET 2010 as the National Coordinator. This is a good development for NZ SCM.

Hong Kong

Question was asked if the movement experiences difficulty in recruiting students? Fanny answered that the students are more attracted to evangelical groups in the campus. How does

SCM recruits members? Fanny added that through the regular Bible Study sessions and seminars.

SCM India

Sunita shared some of the opportunities and strength of the SCMI. One of its strength is that the movement has many members (officially 10,000), they have a good structure to work like the full time programme secretary for 13 regions and national staff, office space and the potential support of senior friends.

Necta shared that the region (WSCF AP) has not had the opportunity to work closely with the movement since 2006. Despite its strength and resources they have not offered to host the regional program. She also observed that there is a need of networking with senior friends in India.

Indonesia SCM

Justin shared that one of the weakness of the movement is to manage the funds or resources of the movement. For example, GMKI spends USD80,000 for organizing one congress. Necta observed that there is lack of theological reflection in the movement, although on a positive note, they are political analysis is strong, there should be a healthy balance between theology and political analysis. Necta, said that she has a good relation and positive response with GMKI from the very beginning of her term.

Sunita asked since they receive a huge financial support from the government and political leaders, is there also political intervention or some specific interest by the politicians? For which they are more involved in politics and lack of theological reflection or understanding. Justin said, that there is specific funds for youth work and GMKI receive this funds, and some time from the local government leaders, but it does not interfere with the internal priorities of GMKI.

Japan SCM

Immanuel asked why Japan SCM does not send participants to all WSCF Programmes? Necta explained that SCM Japan is part of the student YMCA, so they prioritize YMCA programmes than WSCF. But there are many students who are interested to be part of WSCF. We might ask NCCJ to send participants when Student YMCA is unable to send participants, however, NCC Japan does not have a youth desk. Its always a struggle for SCM Japan to be independent for the identity issues of the organization. The Senior Friend sends contribution to WSCF AP, but they could be requested to contribute more. The potential for funding raising is possible, but they do not support WSCF AP as much.

WSCF is organizing a Joint Women's Program in March and also Regional Human Rights Workshop this year. So there is possibility to organize senior friends network.

One more concern in SCM Japan is most of the members are not Christian in the dormitory.

Korea SCM

Gayeon updated on KSCF. Its not very well connected with the university branches and there are more theological students then secular. Students find it difficulties to participate in the protest always, so there is also conflict between students and staff. Fanny said, that they should also find alternative ways to address this issues according to the students availability.

Necta said, there is a lot of online possibility for advocacy and young people are very much interested on this kind of activities.

SCM Philippines

The movement is growing and actively participants in the campaigns, but not enough staff to do the work at the national, the staff travels most of the time to visit the chapters. There is lack of communication and fundraising skills among the current staff.

SCM Sri Lanka

There is lack of women leadership in the SCM due to cultural and traditional belief in the Sri Lanka context. SCM SL is planning to have a series of women's programmes for the next 2yrs and revive the women's committee. The movement is also experiencing the lack of financial support from the churches. The political situation is not better from the previous years, there might not be ethnic clashes but the country is towards dictatorship, led by one family, with vested interest which is oppressing the people in the country. One of the serious and upcoming concerns is the military training among the university students and the privatization of the higher education.

Thailand

There is no staff or office for SCM Thailand at the moment. The students and senior friends are using Janejinda's house for meetings and get-together.

Recommendation: Use WSCF AP Movement Grant to support/start admin work to restart the movement.

General Analysis and Recommendations

- Role of staff/coordinator (full-time and part time) is crucial in the work of the movement
- Going back to student ministry, mobilize students, capacity building, like Campus Crusade for Christ, using different techniques, help students to gain new skills in movement building
- Harness the role of senior friends in Movement Building
- Volunteer from Standing Committee to work with Philip Matthew, Fanny Lam on the NESCAP

It was also recommended that the Movement Building Recommendation from RCM should be included and studied carefully for consideration.

XV. Evaluation of WSCF AP Regional Programs for 2010 (See Appendix 6)

XVI. Regional Program Planning for the 2011-2012

Human Rights Justice and Peace (HRJP)

Recommendations:

- Invite new members to the HR Committee, those that are active and committed to Human Rights work.
- For Northeast Asia: SCM Hong Kong will nominate Nano to be part of the HR Committee
- Request Leni Valeriano to be the interim Human Rights Coordinator until the HR Committee meets in person in July 2011
- Hold the HR Committee Meeting in July 2011 in Manila, Philippines.
- HRJP 2011 Workshop Venue: Japan or Korea
- SC Member attending: Gayeon or Fanny

Ecumenical Leadership Program (ELF)

Recommendation:

- The SELF should be organized for students as participants.
- Explore the possibility of collaborating with the local National Council of Churches (NCCs) and invite the delegates from NCC in Asia and the Pacific to participate in the SELF Program. We can also explore the possibility to work in partnership with Theological Colleges and Institutions for SELF and a short course of 3 months.

Example with: EISD in Sri Lanka – Immanuel will find the possibility, CCT in Thailand – Jane will find the possibility, UTS in the Philippines, and the ECC, Theological training in India.

- The content and participant for SET Program will be changed as a short-term training program for the SCM General Secretaries and Coordinators. This will be organized in conjuncture with the SCM General Secretaries and Coordinators Meeting.
- SELF 2011
Proposed Venue: India, Taiwan
SC Member attending: Immanuel or Dhara

- SCM General Secretaries and Coordinators Meeting 2011
Proposed Venue: Singapore
Proposed Time: November 2011
SC Member attending: Yustin and Bronwyn
- SET 2012 Venue: Thailand, Philippines, Sri Lanka
Proposed Date: November

Ecumenical Partnership and Networking (EPN)

- EASYNET had a National Coordinators and Team Meeting in 2009, and there is some problem with the coordinator and the coordinator will be leaving soon. EASYNET will be some celebration for the 10th year anniversary.
- There is an opportunity to explore the partnership with Global Christian Forum (CGF).
- Re-activate the CCA WSCF Joint Program (CWP) Committee.
- WCC Assembly will be in Asia, Korea in 2013 which would be a space to develop networks and contribute to the work of the WCC.

Publications

- Since Praxis lost the funds from the Anglican Church. Alternative funding should be explored. The Standing Committee requested if it possible for the ASCM to funds to publish Praxis. Bronwyn will discuss this with the Board of SCM Australia and respond to the request later.

Governance

- For the RCM, since this is the highest decision making body of the federation in the region, we make some criteria for the delegates. We also need to be careful while setting the criteria. Since some of the movements might not having choices to send the delegates.
- We can also request the national movements to prepare the delegates and there should also be an overall orientation on RCM before officially starts.
- Based on the experience in the previous RCM where the Commissions and the Business Sessions were meeting simultaneously, there was time limitation. The business sessions and the commissions has to be separated in order to do justice for both program.
- RCM 2012 Venue: India
SC Member attending: Chairperson, 2 Excos

The group decided to break for dinner and resume the meeting in the evening for the next agenda on Fund-raising.

XVII. Fundraising Discussion

The following is the result of the brainstorming session on the fund-raising strategies that WSCF AP and the SCMs can implement in the coming months and years.

Short Term Plans:

- Collect pledges from WSCF and SCM senior friends
- NESCAP can be a medium to collect funds and pledges from the senior friends, but NESCAP is still in the process of organizing itself.
- Ask the senior friends to host partly the programme expenses in their countries
- Organize a prayer appeal day once in a year, probably in December
- Specifically ask for praxis subscription
- Ask the national movements for the subscription of praxis US\$15 for 3 issues – this should be implemented this year 2011
- Increase the movements contribution towards travel for SA,SEA – 5% to 10-15% and NEA, Pacific 30%-40-50%
- Request movements like Australia and NZ to pay airfare for the delegates from other movements
- Form a WSCF Fundraising Group who has the skill of fundraising, with the following recommended members:

SA – Harsha, Immanuel, Tamara,
SEA- Jane Leong (S'pore), Rev. Stephen Hsu(Taiwan), Rekson Silaban(Indonesia),
Beng seng (Thailand), Necta (Philippines),
NEA – Rev. Shin,(Korea) Hoi Wing, Waiching(HK)
Pacific – Ask Michael Wallace

Necta volunteered to contact and coordinate the members of the Fundraising Group after her term as Regional Secretary. This group will meet and develop strategies to raise funds for WSCF and the SCMs.

Long Term Plans:

- Suggest the fundraising team to buy property in some countries where land is cheaper than HK and run a programme centre/hostels/ to have some income generating initiatives. There should be a board / Trusty to look after / maintain this and the staff of the WSCF AP should have minimal involvement in this.
- Create our own funds
- Relocation of the operation of the Regional Office
This plan was already proposed in the last RCM, but the decision was not to move, based on the feasibility study conducted and presented.

In order to implement the decision the following things needs to be done

1. Feasibility study to submit to the RCM 2012 – may be too ambitious
2. Set aside some funds / budget and propose to the next RCM
3. Proposed countries for feasibility studies are : Thailand (Bangkok), India(Bangalore), Singapore, Malaysia(KL),
4. Also consider the political situation and working visa

The group discussed the need to relocate or move the operation of the WSCF AP. The rationale given was that HK is very expensive especially housing and the standard of living, the administrative cost of running an office in Hong Kong is also a concern.

The Standing Committee Meeting ended with a prayer led by Immanuel.

On February 10, the 4th day of the Standing Committee Meeting, the Search Committee resumed their meeting to conduct the interviews of the applicants for the post of the Regional Secretary. After the Search Committee interviews, a fellowship dinner and Closing Worship was organized with the members and senior friends of SCM Hong Kong in the evening of February 10,2011 at the Kowloon Union Church (KUC).

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APPENDIX 1: WSCF Executive Meeting Sharing by Immanuel Kintan

The WSCF Executive Committee (Exco) Meeting was held from 02nd -05th of November 2010 at Mount Leban, Beirut, Lebanon. Due to various reasons the original dates of the meeting was postponed from 2009 to the above dates.

The important highlights of this meeting were as follows:

1) Appointment of Ms. Christine Housel as the Co- Secretary General

With the resignation of Michel Wallace, the Co-Secretary General position of WSCF was vacant. The search process began with Ms. Chris Ledger, senior friend from Australia chairing the Search Committee. By the end of the search process three candidates were short listed and interviewed. Out of the three short listed candidates, Ms. Christine Housel was selected by the Search Committee and was put forward to the Ex-Co.

Prior to voting on the Search Committee's proposal on the Co – Secretary General's appointment, the Ex-Co had a lengthy discussion on the search process with Chris Ledger joining the discussion via Skype. Some Ex-Co members expressed their dissatisfaction on the overall search process due to the following reasons.

- o No sufficient time was given to the selection process
- o One name recommended by the Search Committee
- o The Search Committee overlapped the Ex-Co's role.

After a brief discussion on the above points, the Ex-Co could not reach a consensus and decided to vote on the proposal. Ms. Christine Housel was elected as the new Co–Secretary General until the next WSCF General Assembly.

2) 35th General Assembly of the World Student Christian Federation

The 35th GA of the WSCF is supposed to be held in 2012 and according to the rotation basis it should take place in the Latin American Caribbean (LAC) Region. Even though the LAC Region expressed their willingness to host the next GA, due to the financial difficulty the Federation is undergoing, the chances for the GA to be held in 2012 is minimal. The discussion about the next General Assembly went on nearly for a day. The ExCo couldn't come to a consensus and proposed to continue the discussion on the possible options at the next Officer's and Staff meeting to be held at the beginning of 2011. Furthermore, a GA Preparation Committee was appointed comprising of representatives of each region. Immanuel Kitnan will represent the Asia Pacific Region in this committee.

The following options were proposed for the WSCF GA:

Year	2012	Venue	Latin America
	2013		Soul Korea along with WCC GA
	2014		To be decided

3) Ecumenical Assistance Program (EAP) & Development Team

A proposal was put forward by the Development Team (Known as DT).

- o DT comprises of three members from each region along with the Regional Secretaries. The EAP commission is a part of the DT which is entrusted with specific roles on EAP grant. The DT's primary objective is to incorporate project cycle management techniques in the life of the WSCF & SCM's. This will be achieved through trainings and workshops.

4) Finance

The financial situation of WSCF was one of the major discussions at the Exco Meeting. Based on the financial report and projection presented by the WSCF Treasurer and the IRO finance support staff, WSCF is operating on a budget deficit caused

by an accumulated 2 year budget deficit, a significant reduction in the 2010 income from the partners, no new or replacement funds coming in, causing a serious cash flow problem in the Inter-regional office. These factors contributed to the unstable financial situation of the Federation, putting the staff salaries in an unpredictable state, especially in the first half of 2011. The Exco proposed for an immediate relief by appealing to the WSCF Centennial Board for additional funding and instruct the new Co – Secretary General to build relationships among donors and fund raising.

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APPENDIX 2 : Global Christian Forum, Asia Regional Meeting by Jahartap Yustin Pasaribu

From the 12th to the 16th November 2010 some sixty participants from nineteen countries in Asia gathered at Choi Jasil Memorial near Seoul, Korea for the Asia Regional Meeting on the Global Christian Forum. They represented National Councils of Churches and Christian Councils, national Catholic Bishops'Conferences, national Evangelical and Pentecostal alliances and fellowships, regional Ecumenical, Catholic, Evangelical and Pentecostal bodies, and churches from several Asian countries. The meeting was held on the premises of the Fasting Prayer Mountain of Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, which graciously and generously offered hospitality to all participants for the duration of the meeting and took care of all local arrangements. This was the first time that a meeting of the Global Christian Forum was received by a Pentecostal church. The Revd. Dr. Young-hoon Lee who succeeded in 2009 the founder of Yoido Full Gospel Church, the Revd. Dr. David Yonggi Cho, as Senior Pastor addressed the Asia Regional Meeting on the theme of *The Holy Spirit Movement and the Ministry of the Yoido Full Gospel Church*.

The Global Christian Forum evolved from a process that first began to take shape in the 1990s. It arose from reflections on the nature of the World Council of Churches, and the recognition that the embrace of contemporary Christianity was far wider than the council was ever conceivably going to be able to span. There was thus a need to find other ways for catalysing contacts and potential relationship between brothers and sisters in Christ who had little if any encounter, or current likelihood of encounter, with one another. Cautious conversations led to careful consultations with a widening circle of partners, and to greater confidence in pursuing the possibilities of this vision to facilitate ever broadening interactions.

From the beginning of the Global Christian Forum, the Committee has recognized that we live in times which call the churches to act urgently. The world has changed dramatically as we have watched the rise of poverty, terrorism, political, economic, and ecological upheaval, and the increase of religious intolerance. It has been the desire of the GCF to facilitate stronger relationships between churches of all Christian traditions throughout the world so that together we might address ourselves to the critical needs where they exist. As a result, this third Asian regional meeting of the Global Christian Forum (Hong Kong 2004; Bangkok, Thailand, 2006) was convened in Seoul, Korea. Its purpose was:

- *To foster relationships and mutual understanding between the churches of different Christian traditions in Asia;*
- *To learn from the experiences in some Asian countries where churches from a wide range of traditions have been able to come closer to one another;*
- *To contribute to the progress of the vision of the Global Christian Forum in Asia;*
- *To provide input from Asia into the Second Global Forum Gathering of October 2011.*

As in all Global Christian Forum (GCF) meetings, the Asia Regional Meeting began with an introduction to the GCF : how it was initiated, its purpose, and how the process developed. This was followed by the sharing of the individual faith stories or faith journeys. Each participant was invited to speak about his/her encounter and journey with Christ and the meaning of God's call in his/her life. As only two or three had been to earlier Forum meetings in Asia or elsewhere this was a new, rich, and enriching experience for all. It helped participants to realize that beyond denominational and theological differences and labels like 'ecumenical' and 'evangelical' there is a profound commonality rooted in the Christian faith that binds us together and makes it possible to engage one another in mutual trust.

The morning and evening prayers celebrated by participants according to various traditions represented among them were also moments of shared spirituality and belonging to one another.

The representatives of four countries : Indonesia, Nepal, India and the Philippines presented reports on the evolving relationships and cooperation between the churches in their respective national situations, especially with regard to the divide between the churches involved in the ecumenical movement and those belonging to the evangelical and pentecostal movements. In Indonesia the four national church bodies, ecumenical, catholic, evangelical and pentecostal are coming closer to one another and have recently decided to form an Indonesian Christian Forum. In the particular situation of Nepal with its history of independent local churches eight national Christian bodies representing churches, church groups and denominations established the United Christian Alliance of Nepal in June 2010. In India the National United Christian Forum composed of the National Council of Churches, the Catholic Bishops'Conference and the Evangelical Fellowship was able to adopt in 2009 a Memorandum of Understanding spelling out the shared commitment to unity and common witness in solidarity with the poor and marginalized. In the Philippines it has been the political situation, the struggle for democracy and peace, and interfaith relations that have brought the churches together for common action, in a variety of ways.

In a first round of group discussions the participants shared and confronted their views on inter-church relationships in Asia, identified and discussed some of the issues at stake and the obstacles to unity and cooperation, and sought to lift up positive developments in their national situations. From the reporting on these discussions in plenary three main issues emerged which the participants agreed to reflect on more in depth. These issues were :

1. Ecumenism :

- the need to clarify or redefine what is understood by ecumenism
- the theological and doctrinal issues versus joint action in the socio-political field (i.e. Faith and Order versus Life and Work)
- the fact that the churches coming together in the GCF are at different stages in their ecumenical journey

2. Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation.

3. The Global Christian Forum :

- the role of the Global Christian Forum in the national situations of the countries in Asia and at the level of the continent.

After a second round of discussions in groups and plenary the participants agreed on what follows :

1. Ecumenism is understood as an intra-Christian, inter-church movement towards unity in obedience to the prayer of Jesus "that they may be one ... so that the world may believe" (John 17 :21).

2. The foundational identity of the church grounded in Scripture and as expressed in the ancient creeds (Apostles' and Nicene Creeds) which confess the Triune God and Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour is the basis of ecumenism.

3. Being ecumenical is to be on a journey with other churches and to recognize that all are not at the same stage. It asks for patience and tolerance. Those who are on the ecumenical journey should invite and welcome others who wish to join provided they confess the basics of the Christian faith. Newcomers should accept and respect the ecumenical experience and insights that churches which have already traveled a longer time have acquired on their journey.

4. Being together on the ecumenical journey is to grow together in mutual learning and understanding of what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

5. Christian unity enhances our ability to dialogue with others and join hands in response to the concerns of the society. In this regard the churches in Asia have much to offer to churches in other parts of the world because of their experience of living in multi-religious societies, working together, and sharing their faith together in dialogue with those around them.

6. The specific task of the Global Christian Forum in Asia and elsewhere is to foster relationships between churches of all Christian traditions, especially those that have had little or no conversation with one another.

7. As participants in this meeting we affirm the Asian Movement for Christian Unity (AMCU) started in 1996 by the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) and the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), and welcome the inclusion of the Asian Evangelical Alliance as was recommended by the Asia Consultation on the GCF in Hong Kong in 2004 and the follow-up meeting in Bangkok in 2006.

8. We recommend to the regional bodies involved in AMCU to seek ways of including also the Pentecostals of Asia in the movement.

9. We welcome the steps taken in India and Indonesia and the creation of the United Christian Alliance of Nepal which are consistent with the vision of the Global Christian Forum

10. We recommend similar actions and follow-up at national and local levels in our respective countries in Asia and commit ourselves to promote such actions.

11. We recommend to the GCF Committee to include young people and women in its meetings and to organize meetings aiming at youth. The responsibility of encouraging participation of youth and women should be taken by our own churches.

12. We recommend to the GCF to promote the vision of the GCF through formation in seminaries and other training centers and

to enhance the visibility of the Global Christian Forum.

13. The progress of the GCF will be enhanced by ensuring a certain measure of continuity between regional and global meetings in terms of participants and representation.

As participants in the Asia Regional Meeting on the Global Christian Forum we address this report to the Churches, National Councils of Churches and Christian Councils, National Evangelical and Pentecostal Alliances and Fellowships and the Regional Ecumenical, Evangelical, Pentecostal and Catholic bodies we represent, and to the GCF Committee.

We express our thanks and gratitude to the Yoido Full Gospel Church for receiving us and to the team of volunteers led by the Revd. Ildoo Kwon and Revd. Michelle Kang for their hard work in facilitating our stay at the Prayer Mountain and the love with which they took care of us during these days. We wish to thank also the GCF Committee for making this meeting possible. Above all, we give thanks to God for granting us this time together as sisters and brothers in Christ from such a wide range of faith traditions.

APPENDIX 3: Report of the WSCF AP Regional Women's Coordinator, Sunita Suna

Greetings of peace!

Hong Kong is still in the mood of celebrating the Chinese New Year; so let me wish you all a Happy Chinese New Year!

Thanks to the Standing Committee for giving me the opportunity to share about the Regional Women's Programmes of WSCF AP initiated & implemented during 2009-2010. In the last 2 years the Regional Women's Programmes have been critically analyzed and evaluated by the WSCF AP women. To these programmes, and committees the SCM women came together, not only to share their own stories / experiences but they brought the stories and struggles of women from their own societal contexts. Hearing those shocking stories one comes to a conclusion, that violence against women is taking different forms and multiplying day by day! That our patriarchal and hierarchical society is promoting a system of discrimination and oppression against women in family, work place, communities, society including in the religious institution. And that, unfortunately women are facing the brunt of the growing phenomenon of migration, illegal trafficking, prostitutions, HIV/AIDS, militarism and so on.

While addressing the global concerns we identified our own challenges within WSCF/ SCMs which is becoming stumbling block to initiate or promote gender justice. We realized that It is important to acknowledge and address our own challenges with affirmative actions. Followings are some of the challenges shared by the SCM women in the road to gender justice within the federation:

- Lack of coordination and network between women students and women senior friends
- lack of awareness and adequate skills to address the women's concerns in the SCMs
lack of adequate or no staff in some of the national movements to carry out the women's programmes/activities
Women's issues and concerns still does not find a priority in many national movements and SCMs lacking critical thinking and analysis pertaining to gender and feminist theology
- financial constraint to initiate women's programmes, as many SCMs struggling to raise adequate financial resource
- Even most of the SCMs face a systemic problem of hierarchy and patriarchy in favour of the men.

As far as the broader issues related to gender are concerned WSCF AP must address the women's issues more concretely and involve in the struggle for women's emancipation. Therefore, the WSCF AP women envision to:

- seek for self-liberation and transformation;
- build an inclusive non-violent community;
- break the structures of domination and subordination;
- promote equality and build up women leadership within SCM and the Church.

The enclosed report is a gist of the Regional Women's Programmes organized between 2009-2010 in order to address some of the raised concerns. I look forward to receiving your valuable suggestions, support and cooperation for the ongoing RWP.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the present members and the previous Regional Women's Committee with whom I was working closely to achieve our vision, the national women's coordinators, and the women in the movements for their cooperation and involvement in the RWP promoting gender justice in the local SCMs. Thanks to all the national movements for their support, cooperation, for the last 3 years and specially to the movements who came forward to host the regional women's programmes. Thanks to the members of the Standing Committee for their encouragement, and support. Last but not the least I would like to extend my thanks to Necta Montes, the Regional Secretary for her continuous support and cooperation in my professional and personal life. I look forward to the same support and co operation from you all as I continue my journey for the women's emancipation. May this year of the 'Rabbit' bring us peace, love, joy, good health and a violence free community.

Thank you!

Regional Women's Programme 2009

The objectives of the Regional Women's Programme (RWP) for 2009 were:

1. To initiate a process for young women leaders of SCM to articulate their life experiences, struggles, challenges with critical analysis
2. To create awareness of the social, political, cultural and religious implications on women's identity in their own contexts.
3. To re-define a woman's identity and reclaim self as subject, self towards liberation and transformation through A Critical Feminist Hermeneutics of Liberation.
4. To re-read the Bible together as young women centred on the focus/theme from critical feminist perspectives.
5. To promote and practice "Doing Critical Feminist Liberation Theology" in SCMs on all levels as well as in Asia and the Pacific.
6. To form a working group with a two-fold aim of i) making a critical evaluation of the significance of the ongoing "Women Doing Theology" programme of WSCF AP; and ii) coming up with a guide book for the National Movements to encourage and enable the young women and men to promote "Doing Critical Feminist Theology" in the SCMs.

In the Year 2009, the Regional Women's Programme initiated one sub regional workshop, one regional workshop and the Regional Women's Committee to execute our vision and goals.

A. Workshop on Feminist Critical Analysis through Re reading the Bible from the Feminist Perspectives, March 11-13, 2009, Bangkok, Thailand

Goals:

- i.** To enable the women members to develop perspectives and guide them to envision the future women's programmes of WSCF AP
- ii.** To enable the women members to develop feminist critical analysis framework, and looking at gender for the purpose of going beyond gender analysis
- iii.** To study Bible by using critical feminist hermeneutics

This workshop was held from March 11-13, 2009 at the Bangkok Christian Guest house just before the WSCF AP Regional Women's Committee (RWC) Meeting. The representatives of the RWC from South Asia, East Asia and Pacific were the participants of this workshop. The intention of this workshop was to help the members develop perspectives and guide them to envision the future Women's Programme of WSCF AP. The contents of the workshop were: forming perspectives and develop feminist critical analysis framework, and looking at gender for the purpose of going beyond gender analysis etc. Bible studies were done using critical feminist hermeneutics. Yong Ting Jin, a feminist theologian from Malaysia was there to facilitate these sessions.

All the sessions were conducted through various exercises and active participation of the group. The participants were able to identify the issues/problems and root causes of violence against women when they did an analysis of stories on VAW depicted in the news papers. They realized the need to develop a tool of analysis which is more wholistic, going beyond gender analysis and include the intersectionality problem while doing the critical feminist analysis.

There were two Bible studies conducted on the texts Luke 10:38-42, and Mark 5:21-43. The method of reading the Bible together was quite insightful to discover the important roles of Mary and Martha in Jesus' movement and their leadership roles in the House Churches. Even in the 2nd Bible Study it was an eye opening to read the text from the perspective of the hemorrhage woman and understand the relations of power and authority. The group realized that our mindset or frame of thinking is also based on patriarchy and androcentrism. Hence it is important to develop the critical feminist analysis an alternative analysis for liberation and transformation of "self" and society/ structure.

B. 19th Regional Women's Committee of WSCF AP Region, March 14-15, 2009, Bangkok, Thailand

Goals:

- i . To share the on going activities on women's concerns in the WSCF AP region and critical analysis of the women's issues
- ii . To review the Regional Women's Programmes and National Women's programme from 2007-2008
- iii . To envision and planning for the RWP for 2009-2012
- iv . To evaluate the work of the Regional Women's Coordinator of WSCF AP
- v . To work on budget for 2009-2012

The 19th Regional Women's Committee (RWC) met on 14-15, March 2009 at the Bangkok Christian Guest House, Bangkok, Thailand. The Regional Women's Committee is the decision making body of the Regional Women's programme, comprising of six women. The committee meet once in two years to concrete plans for the Regional Women's Program in the new quadrennium; evaluate the program and the work being done; implement concrete plans; drawing up specific plans for program implementation,.

The following members attended the RWC. Ashani Rodha John – Sri Lanka- South Asia Representative, Bronwyn Crowe-Australia – Ex Co of WSCF AP and Pacific Representative, Cha Eun Hye- South Korea – North East Asia Representative, Poon Wan Yu- Hong Kong – Standing Committee Member at large and North East Asia Representative, Sunita Suna – India (Regional Women's Coordinator) Yong Ting Jin – Malaysia (Observer), Janejinda Pawadee – Thailand (Vice Chair – WSCF Global Ex Co - Observer), Necta Montes Rocas – Philippines (Regional Secretary)

The evaluation and analysis of the ongoing programmes helped the committee to envision the thrust and direction of the future women's programme as follows:

The WSCF- AP and SCM women strive to :

- o seek for self-liberation and transformation;
- o build an inclusive non-violent community,
- o break the structures of domination and subordination,
- o promote equality and build up women leadership within SCM and the Church

The RWC planned the women's programmes for the next quadrennium 2009-2012 based on the vision, direction and thrust. In addition to the above mentioned activities the RWC also did the evaluation of the Regional Women's Coordinator based on her report and personal reflection and recommended the Standing Committee to renew the contract of the Regional Women's Coordinator for another term.

Women Doing Theology Workshop on the theme Women and Identity , November 14-22, 2009, Jakarta, Indonesia**Goals:**

1. To initiate a process for young women leaders of SCM to articulate their life experiences, struggles, challenges with critical analysis in relation to the workshop focus/theme.
2. To create awareness of the social, political, cultural and religious implications on women's identity in the Indonesian context.
3. To re-define a woman's identity and reclaim self as subject self towards liberation and transformation through A Critical Feminist Hermeneutics of Liberation.
4. To re-read the Bible together as young women centred on the focus/theme from critical feminist perspectives.
5. To promote and practice "Doing Critical Feminist Liberation Theology" in SCMs on all levels as well as in Asia and the Pacific.
6. To form a working group with a two-fold aim of i) making a critical evaluation of the significance of the ongoing "Women Doing Theology" programme of WSCF AP; and ii) coming up with a guide book for the National Movements to encourage and enable the young women and men to promote "Doing Critical Feminist Theology" in the SCMs.

The Women Doing Theology Workshop was held from November 14-22, 2009 in Jakarta, Indonesia on the theme "Women and Identity". 18 young women from Asia and the Pacific participated in the said workshop, representing the national movements of **Australia, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Timor Leste and Thailand.**

The 9 days workshop focused on the general and broad theme "Women's Liberation and Transformation" with a specific focus on the concern of "Women and Identity". This theme/focus was recommended by the Regional Women's Committee (RWC) after a deep reflection on the issue of women leadership in SCMs, followed by a critical feminist analysis on the issues/concerns of women in SCM, Church and Society during the RWC meeting in Bangkok 2009. The Committee strongly felt that we must address the issue of women's liberation and transformation among ourselves as SCM women who struggle also for emancipation, equality, justice and peace in church and society.

The process and methodology of the workshop was based on the steps/tools of a critical feminist hermeneutics of liberation in the following components:

- Using feminist critical analysis, participants shared Her Story of their life experiences, struggles, challenges as women in their own context.
- Thematic inputs by the resource persons on:
 - Women's Identity in Islam
 - Socio-political, cultural and religious implications on women's identity in Indonesian context;
 - Doing Critical Feminist Liberation Theology and A Critical Feminist Hermeneutics of Liberation.
 - Re-reading selected Biblical texts using critical feminist hermeneutics.
- Exposure to the local communities to understand and experience the struggles and challenges of women in Indonesian context.
- Prepare feminist liturgies and conduct creative worship by the participants around the theme of the workshop.

The following resource persons were present to facilitate the whole process:

Amina Wadud – Islamic feminist and scholar, currently a visiting professor at the Center for Religious and Cross Cultural Studies at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Anna Marsiana – Coordinator of Asian Women's Resource Centre for Culture and Theology (AWRC), Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Yong Ting Jin - Feminist Theologian and former coordinator of (AWRC) Malaysia

Nina Nayoan – the former regional women's committee member and intern of FIM from 2007-2009, Timor Leste

Sunita Suna - Regional Women's Coordinator of WSCF-AP, Hong Kong, and the coordinator of this WDT workshop.

The workshop started with an opening Worship. The worship was prepared based on the theme "women and identity" led by Nina Nayoan followed by a series of community building activities conducted by Sunita Suna

Reflection and Evaluation

The RWP in 2009 has certainly provided opportunity to young women by creating unique space for them. These workshops have challenged, motivated, empowered and transformed the young women. Sharing their stories made them empowered to love themselves, love friends, and love neighbors. This space has made them realized that the Bible can be re read, which is liberating and their faith conviction has enabled them to accept that women are created in the image of God, and there should not be any violence against women. They have determined to fight for their own rights and fight for the rights of the women who are oppressed and exploited. Some of the delegates shared their feelings that this space is sacred and we develop the courage to share, to listen and learn from each other – that made us feel great and powerful. They were able to do the analysis of their own life stories, and were able to identify the stumbling blocks in the path of liberation and transformation. Re reading Biblical texts using critical feminist hermeneutics helped them to be critical and Rhetorical-Emancipatory biblical Paradigm has opened their mindset to read Bible as a subject and affirm self as subject against structure of domination and subordination.

Regional Women's Programme 2010

The objectives of the Regional Women's Programme (RWP) for 2010 were:

1. To initiate a process for young women leaders of SCM to articulate their life experiences, struggles, challenges with critical analysis
2. To create a deeper understanding of gender and develop skills through gender analysis workshops/sessions.
3. To enable participants to realize that all gender awareness and analysis must lead to equal representation of men and women in the SCMs and in the Federation as a whole.
4. To challenge and transform attitudes, structures and system in Church that limit women's participation and leadership.
5. To re-read the Bible together as young women centred on the focus/theme from critical feminist perspectives and partnership
6. To facilitate the development of strategies and plans for gender justice and women-men partnership works in the SCMs.
7. To experience the realities of women in different context and strengthen the women's struggles by joining in advocacy programme through exposure

In the Year 2010, the Regional Women's Programme initiated 3 Joint Women's Programmes in the national movements, and the Regional Women's meeting to execute our vision and goals.

Regional Women's Programme – SCM Myanmar Joint Women's Programme (RWPJWP) June 22-26, 2010, Yangon, Myanmar. Theme: Women and Men in Partnership for empowerment in the Challenging World

Goals:

- 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 content of the 5 days programme were consist 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 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 them realize that the role of partnership is significant in order to continue our 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, and the former chair person 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 still confront with the discrimination within the working places.

Sunita Suna the 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 how we have become woman and man. How the role of gender roles and the social construction 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.

Beside these sessions there were bible studies from the feminist perspectives and partnership and reflections on SCM and Ecumenism.

Regional Women's Programme – SCM Joint Women's Programme (RWP-JWP)

Theme: Women Doing Theology on Feminist Critical Analysis through Re reading the Bible from the Feminist Perspectives

Goals:

- i. To form perspectives and develop feminist critical analysis framework to understand women' oppression
- ii. To understand gender for the purpose of going beyond gender analysis
- iii. To re-read the Bible together as young women centred on the focus/theme from critical feminist perspectives.
- iv. To promote and practice "Doing Critical Feminist Liberation Theology" in SCMs

NB: The RWP – SCM Joint women's programmes in Sri Lanka, Thailand and Japan were scheduled to be held in the year 2010. Due to some practical difficulties in the region and national movements the scheduled programme is proposed to be held in 2011. (Sri Lanka – February, Japan - March, Thailand – May)

B. 19th Regional Pre Women's Meeting, July 18-21, 2010, Manado, Indonesia

Theme: Renewing the Earth: Climate Justice and Equity - Feminist perspectives

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)

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 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 had a great impact in the lives of the participants. The 19th Regional Women's Meeting brought the young women from different Asian countries. This was a place to understand the women's concerns in different context and learn from the different cultural contexts.

Programmes and conferences attended and space created for young SCM women Celebrating Life: Women Prophets, Healers and Reconcilers

The Women's Pre-Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) was held on the above said 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.

Coordinating Team Members (CTM) Meeting of the Asian Women's Resource Centre for Culture and Theology (AWRC)

The Coordinating Team Members (CTM) meeting took place in Jogjakarta, Indonesia, from May 17-21, 2010. The CTM is the policy/ decision making body, which acts as the executive committee of the organization and meets once a year. This meeting was attended by the following members from different organizations in Asia: Hope S. Antone, Hisako Kinukawa, Yong Ting Jin, Anna Marsiana, Iswanti Suparma, Liza B. Lamis, Chung Sook Ja, Anshi Zachariah, and Sunita Suna.

The five days meeting was planned to share, discuss, review/evaluate, plan of the ongoing activities of the AWRC. Reports were shared by the coordinators, working groups, publications secretary of the continuing activities of the AWRC. Sunita Suna briefly shared about the Regional Women's Programs of WSCF AP (*The WSCF AP and AWRC have a historical significance of working together. The Regional Women's Coordinator of WSCF AP region is co-opted as voting member of the CTM*)

The members tried to reflect, review, evaluate the activities of the AWRC. While upholding many positive outcome of the activities of AWRC like the regular publications of the journal *In God's Image* and other module books and programmes on *Young Women Doing Theology* has enriched the Asian women in different ways. At the same time the organization also confront many challenges and one of the major challenges is to sustain the financial support for the proposed activities. After a lot of reflection and thoughts the members were able to plan for the programme and proposed a budget for the year 2011-2013.

The CTM also selected the following members for the Working Group Committee to work closely with AWRC: Hisako Kinukawa, Yong Ting Jin, Iswanti, Anna Marsiana.

During the CTM the members also remembered Malini Devananda, a feminist theologian from Sri Lanka, who was the member of CTM and WG recalling her legacy.

Scholarship for Women Students in Ewha Graduate School of Theology (EGST), Seoul, South Korea

I am happy to inform you that Ms. Daisy Roy from SCM Bangladesh and Ms. Milka Hanook from SCM Pakistan who are being selected by the EGST for full scholarship to study Masters of Theology in EGST. EGST has been one of the best theological institutions for Korean and Asian Christian women. Ewha faculty members have strong academic commitment to develop theological study and practice from Asian feminist perspectives. EGST also has strong networks with other Asian theological associations and feminist organizations. Ewha graduates have contributed to women's humanization and liberation, and

promoted ecclesiastical and social transformation in Korea, Asia and the world. Daisy and Milka is in EGST since 24th February 2010.

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

This year the 54th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was held on 1st March to 12th March 2010 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The CSW focused on reviewing

the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which was adopted 15 years ago with the support of 40,000 women. Around 8500 women and men from the NGOs, civil societies, faith based groups, students, youth, government officials participated in the said event. **Monika Biswas**, from SCM Bangladesh attended the event and represent WSCF Asia Pacific.

APPENDIX 4: WSCF AP Regional Secretary's Report to the WSCF AP 20th Standing Committee, Necta Montes

Report Outline and Content

1. Human Rights and Solidarity Program (HRJP)
 - *2009 HRJP Workshop on Conflict and Militarization, Bangladesh*
 - *2010 HRJP Workshop on Civil and Political Rights, Hong Kong*
 - *2009-2010 Regional and International Campaigns and advocacies*
2. Ecumenical Leadership Formation Program
 - *2009 SELF, Manila, Philippines*
 - *2010 SET, Colombo, Sri Lanka*
3. Ecumenical and Partnership and Networking
 - *2010 Regional Coordinating Team Meeting, Manila, Philippines*
 - *2009 National Coordinators Training*
4. Publications
 - PRAXIS
5. WSCF Governance Structure
 - *19th WSCF AP RCM*
6. Movement Building
 - *SCM Nepal*
 - *SCM Papua New Guinea*
 - *SCM Malaysia*

REFLECTION POINTS FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE:

As the regional office goes through a transition period and change of leadership in the next few months, there is indeed room for improvement and some points I want to share to the Standing Committee.

- 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 2009. The WSCF Global Exco Meeting was postponed 3 times in the last two years due to lack of resources as IRO needs to radically change its capacity to function due to financial limitation. At the moment, the IRO is working on a 3-year budget deficit and accumulating debts and advances from WCC to support its operational budget. The Asia Pacific region needs to address this situation in the next one year and make some adjustment internally within its operation and programming structure. After the 2009 Economic crisis, we have lost 2 partners (NCC Australia (2009) and Anglican Church of Canada (2010). Although we have been able to find alternative funding, this situation will only deteriorate and would put pressure on our already limited and over-stretched resources. For example, the RCM recommended that movements offering to host regional programs and meetings should make a significant contribution to the local cost of the program through local fund-raising. What is our strategic vision and plan to support the regional programs and operations of the AP regional office (staff salary, administrative cost, etc)?
- As we anticipate a transition, support for the in-coming Regional Secretary and Regional Women's Coordinator through regular communication and online meetings will be crucial. The SC needs to ensure that the direction and priorities set by the RCM are followed through, that the new movements are supported, that the funding situation remains stable, and the staff welfare and morale are high. My suggestion is to form small group (2 persons) can be the transition team that will take this responsibility on the next 3 to 6 months during the transition period. As the out-going Regional Secretary, I am committed to make the transition smooth and to offer my time, advice and expertise in this process.
- Regional programs should remain relevant to the needs of the SCMs and the quality is of high value. We need to deepen our faith reflections and sharpen our social analytical tools continuously during the programs. 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 activities. 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.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Human Rights Justice and Peace (HRJP) Workshop on Conflict and Militarization July 12 to 18, 2009, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh

The WSCF AP Human Rights Justice and Peace (HRJP) Workshop with the theme, "Called to be God's Instruments of Peace and Reconciliation" was held from July 12 to 18, 2009 at the Hope Training Center in Savar, Dhaka Bangladesh. The Workshop was attended by 30 participants from 12 member movements of WSCF AP and representatives from network members of EASYNET Bangladesh. Participants came from the following countries: South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Philippines, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Aotearoa/New Zealand.

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. The Workshop methodology and process included inputs from invited resource persons and facilitators who were knowledgeable in the field of Human Rights education and advocacy, group discussions and presentations by the participants on the HR situations in their countries, Bible studies and Biblico-theological reflections on HR issues, exposure programs to areas with groups of people engaged in human rights advocacy, and sessions on developing the participants as Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) and helping them develop HR programs in their national movements.

Invited resource people included, **Dr. Faustina Periera**, the Director of Human Rights and Legal Services of BRAC, who spoke on the topic Human Rights from the Bangladesh Perspective. **Dr. James Dash**, country director of Leprosy Mission in Bangladesh, emphasized the Christian belief that everyone is created in the Image of God and all are equal in God. **Dr. Mizanur Rahman**, Prof of Law from Dhaka University and Director of ELCOP revisited the HR concepts and related these concepts in the current global situation. Facilitator **Lakshan Dias**, HR lawyer and senior friend of SCM Sri Lanka, provided the basic input on the history, basic concept and tools of HR, HRDs and building SCM HR Programs. **Doim Bangjoo** led a Bible study on HR and inter-faith dialogue and **Necta Montes Rocas** on re-reading the Bible from the feminist perspective using the text Judges 19.

Three exposure areas were organized by the Local Host to provide the participants with concrete experiences of people who are engaged in HR struggles and advocacies in their own communities. The participants were divided into 3 groups to learn about the rights of the Adivasis or indigenous people to land and self-determination in Tangail, Mymensingh; the rights of sexual minorities and sex workers in Mymensingh; rights to just compensation by women garments workers in Dhaka.

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 Training-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.

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 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 communities in Hong Kong.

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, Wai Ching 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.

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, Kai shing summarized the following as the basic concepts of Human Rights. It is about human dignity, respecting different cultural and religious traditions, wit 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. (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 enumerated four major categories on the situation of Human Rights in Asia. 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.

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.

Participants also shared on the Human Rights situation in their own countries. Another highlight of the program was the sharing of the Human Rights situation in Hong Kong by SCM Members, looking at various rights issues of marginalized people in Hong Kong. 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 right of abode in Hong Kong on the so-called, "Wedding Invitation Street" in the old district of Hong Kong Island.

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. A Statement was also produced by the participants at the end of the Workshop.

4th School for Ecumenical Leadership Formation (SELF) held amidst typhoon in Manila, Philippines October 4 to 28,2009, Manila, Philippines

The 4th School for Ecumenical Leadership Formation (SELF) Program was held from October 4 to 28, 2009 at the La Verne Mercado Ecumenical Center and Gems Hotel in Manila, Philippines, hosted by the Student Christian Movement of the Philippines (SCMP). The Program was attended by 18 participants from different SCMs in the region, WSCF AP's partners organization, International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS) and EASYNET Regional Coordinator.

The SELF Program began with an Opening Worship held at the University of the Philippines (UP) "*Bahay Kanilaw*" led by the members and leaders of SCM Philippines. The theme of the worship was focused on the issue of environment destruction and rebuilding of lives after the strong typhoon "*Undoy*" killed more than 800 people and destroyed thousands of homes in Metro Manila, capital city of Philippines, just before the SELF Program started.

The SELF Program is a long and intensive ecumenical leadership course for the second-line leaders of the SCMs. The 22 days program was divided into five modules, which aimed to achieve the following objectives; sharpen awareness and analysis of the social, political and economic setting of the world in the context of Asian Pacific societies and challenge to the churches through sharing of experiences, exposure, studies and reflections; articulate the biblical and theological perspectives on the global burning issues such as globalization, militarization/war on terror, justice, peace, ecology, feminism, etc.; trace the history of ecumenical movement in the national, regional and global levels, identifying convergence, challenges and possibilities.; search alternative approach to communicate and advocate ecumenical witness among students and youth in the concrete life of the peoples; strengthen each other in their ecumenical journey and aspiration; develop leadership skills, movement organizing skills and approaches to work with students and young people.

Invited resource persons for Module 2 on the topic of the Ecumenical Movement were **Dr. M.P. Joseph**, professor at the Tainan Theological Seminary in Tawain, **Dr. Revelation Velunta** and **Rev. Patrick McDivith**, professors at Union Theological Seminary (UTS), Cavite, Philippines. Module 3, Defining our Local and Global Contexts were led by **Dr. Rommel Linatoc**, Program Secretary of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) and **Sonny Africa**, Research Director of IBON Foundation, Philippines. Module 4 on Reading the Signs of the Times were led by **Amira Lidasan** from In-Peace, Mindanao, Philippines, **Athena Peralta**, WCC Consultant for the Program on Poverty and Ecology, Necta Montes and Sunita Suna, WSCF staff. Module 5 on Ecumenical Leadership and Movement Building was led by **Udan Fernando**, Consultant for Organizational Development and Management, **Lesley Capus** and Rommel Linatoc, both from the NCCP.

Exposure Programs were organized in two local communities, a fisherfolk's community in Umengan, La Union and a coconut plantation farmers community located in Mayantoc, San Andres, Bondoc Peninsula, Quezon. In the communities, participants integrated and lived with the people, learned about their life situations. In La Union, together with the local students, participants helped cleaned classrooms in a primary school affected by the typhoon. They also participated in the harvesting of rice with the farmers and joined fisher folks in catching fish in the sea. They learned about the issue of poverty, landlessness, the threat of foreign commercial fishing, and the destruction of natural resources and communities in the coastal areas of La Union due to extraction of minerals. In Quezon, participants joined the farmers in their daily work in the coconut plantation or "Hacienda" owed by a wealthy landlord family. In their integration, they learned that the farmers are poor, who do not own the land and continues to suffer due to landlessness and the failure of the Philippine government to implement Land Reform laws.

Student Empowerment for Transformation (SET) 2010 on Ecological Justice November 28 to December 8, 2010, Colombo, Sri Lanka

The 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 EAP Training, led by the Inter-regional Office.

The goal of SET 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. Pradid Saha** in Climate Change 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.

Two Exposure areas were organized in two 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.

EASYNET National Coordinators Training (NCT) July 3 – 8, 2009, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Ecumenical Asia-Pacific Students and Youth Network (EASY NET) organized the National Coordinator's Training at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 3rd-8th July 2009. The theme for the training was: "Ecumenical Communities: Our Lives, Experiences, and Aspirations" The six days training programme was attended by 20 NET Coordinators, including the EASYNET Coordinating Team (CT) members.

The objectives of the training were: to deepen the National Coordinator's biblical perspective and basis of ecumenical youth work and organizing; to provide venue for the NETs to share their experiences and challenges in building ecumenical network and practicing ecumenical cooperation towards mutual learning; to promote the social commitment of the ecumenical youth leaders in building action and international advocacy on social issues; to promote collective spirit and efforts among the NC towards improving ecumenical relations and openness to interfaith partnership; to evaluate and monitor the work of the NET organizing and sustaining through case studies in order to monitor the strength and recurring weaknesses; and to engage the NETs in contextual and collective planning with reference to the ASYG commitment.

Cristina Miranda, the newly appointed Regional Coordinator of EASY Net gave the orientation to the participants on the origin, structure and the significance of EASY Net in Asia and the Pacific and grassroots ecumenism. The national coordinators shared

their programmes, issues, plans, and challenges during the report sharing session. Their sharing helped the group understand the situation of the NETs and how each NET is unique in their own contexts. This session was facilitated and synthesized by **Maria Cristina A. Dalope**, Executive Secretary for Programmes of Asia Pacific Alliance of YMCAs. **Sunita Suna**, Regional Women's Coordinator of WSCF AP conducted a Bible Study on "Re reading the Bible from the feminist perspectives" from the text Luke 10:38-42. **Dr. Yeoh Seng Guan**, senior lecturer and senior friend of SCM Malaysia conducted a session on the History and Foundations of Ecumenism. Dr. Seng Guan gave historical facts to understand the need and origin of the Ecumenical Movement or Ecumenism and the prejudices conjoined to it by other groups. **Necta Montes Rocas**, Regional Secretary of WSCF AP conducted the session on "Challenges and Prospects of Ecumenical Youth Movements."

The workshops on Interfaith, Migration, Peace and Reconciliation were facilitated by Leonard Bonny Palma, Regional Secretary of IYCS, Adrian Pereira, Regional Secretary of IMCS and Necta. The workshops groups reflected on their experiences with the communities they visited during the exposure. They were able to do critical analysis of the issues and interlink the different issues and challenges the communities are facing today. **Lesley Capus**, senior friend of SCM Philippines conducted the sessions on the topic, "Ecumenical Communities: Organizing and Networking". He shared some of the important skills in order to organizing and networking. He mentioned the 3 key values in community organizing. i.e Human Rights, Social Justice and Social Responsibility. The second session he conducted was on Biblical and Theological Experiences of Ecumenical Community Building. At the end of the programme the national coordinators met in a sub region for action plan according to their own context.

Christian Conference of Asia celebrated the 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 Mounita 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."

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.

19th WSCF AP Regional Committee Meeting

July 18 to 28, 2010, Tomohon, Indonesia

The 19th WSCF Asia Pacific Regional Committee Meeting (RCM) and the Pre-Women's Meeting 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. 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)

Regional Women's Committee Members:

Mani Mandal (Bangladesh)

Selfitriani Kula (Indonesia)

Misato Sasaki (Japan)

Bronwyn Crowe (Australia)
Sunita Suna (Regional Women's Coordinator)

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 be shared and implemented by the Federation and SCMs
- Address the issue of Christian Extremism and Rights-wing Fundamentalism.
- Understand religious 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 SCMs (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 Stading 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.

The next RCM will be hosted by SCM India in July 2012.

Projections for future work of WSCF Asia-Pacific

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

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2011

- WSCF AP Standing Committee Meeting, February 2010, Hong Kong
- HRJP Committee Meeting in Manila, Philippines, 2010
- HRJP Regional Workshop in Japan on October/September
- 3 Joint WSCF AP and SCM Women's Program, one in each sub-region
- School for Ecumenical Leadership Program (SELF)
- General Secretaries/SCM Coordinators Meeting
- Praxis Publications
- SCM Movement Handbook
- WDT Handbook

2012

- WSCF General Assembly
- WSCF 20th Asia Pacific Regional Committee
- SET Program
- HRJP Internship Program
- Regional Women's Program

2009- 2010 WSCF AP Regional Secretary Calendar

2009 Calendar

March

14 to 15 CCA WSCF Joint Program Committee Meeting (CWP), BCGH, Bangkok, Thailand
11 to 15 WSCF AP Regional Women's Committee (RWC) Meeting, BCGH, Bangkok, Thailand
15 to 21 WSCF AP Standing Committee (SC) Meeting, BCGH, Bangkok, Thailand
22 to 23 CM Thailand Movement Visit, Chiangmai, Thailand
25 APA YMCA Executive Committee, Hong Kong

April

4 Church of Sweden (CoS) Visit to HK Regional Office

May

12 to 20 Movement visit to Bangladesh SCM
21 to 23 Movement Visit to Singapore SCM
22 Candle light Vigil to Free Aung San Su Kyi, Hong Kong
28 SCM Hong Kong Summer Camp, Hong Kong

June

1 UK Methodist Visit to HK Regional Office
4 June 4th Candlelight Vigil, Hong Kong
10 EASYNET Hong Kong Gathering
19 World Refugee Day, Hong Kong

July

1 to 2 Visit to senior friends and Malaysia Council of Churches, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
3 to 8 EASYNET National Coordinator's Training, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
13 Ecumenical Partners Meeting, Hong Kong
14 CWM and CCCHK "I love Hong Kong and Macau" Program, Hong Kong
13 to 18 WSCF AP Human Rights Defenders Training Workshop, Dhaka, Bangladesh
26 Myanmar Council of Churches Visit Hong Kong Office

August

6 to 18 United Church of Canada (UCC) 40th General Council Meeting, Kelowna, BC, Canada

September

7 Meeting with International Young Christian Workers (IYCW), Hong Kong

October

4 to 28 WSCF AP 5th School for Ecumenical Leadership Formation (SELF), Manila, Philippines
19 to 25 EASYNET Youth Week Celebration
21 to 23 WCC and CCA Consultation on Peace and Reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula, Hong Kong

November

2 to 6 WCC AGAPE Conference, Chiangmai Thailand
14 to 22 WSCF AP Regional Women Doing Theology (WDT), Jakarta, Indonesia

December

1 to 12 WSCF Inter-regional Leadership Program on Identity, Diversity, Dialogue, Chiangmai and Bangkok, Thailand
13 to 15 Youth 4 Change Conference, Bangkok, Thailand
18 WSCF AP Regional office Christmas Staff Lunch, Hong Kong

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 week EASYNET Youth Week Celebration
- 26 to 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**

STRENGTH	WEAKNESSES	OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
Human Right Solidarity Program (HRSP) 1. Contents of HR issues are good 2. Quick response and appeal 3. Good resource people 4. Mobilizing fund 5. Good network with HR groups	1. Human right coordinator didn't function actively in 2010 2. not all movement have HR coordinator and programs 3. Finding a way to transform to national movement 4. Follow up work 5. Lack of awareness in national level	1. Every movement get involved 2. Political situation	1. Political situation
Ecumenical Leadership Formation Program (ELFP) SELF 1. Inclusion of capacity building 2. Training ecumenical leaders 3. Most of former participants are still active in the movement SET 1. Good in terms of understanding issue	1. Too pack schedule	1. Co-organization with local NCC 2. Needs for ecumenical leadership 3. Co-organization with theological groups and universities in local countries	1. Funding 2. Availability of students
Ecumenical Partnership and Networking (EPN) EASYNET 1. Good communication 2. EASYNET become popular	EASYNET 1. EASYNET has a problem about coordinator 2. Fund raising	1. International Youth Christian Worker want to join us 2. New CCA leadership is supportive for WSCF 3. Global Christian Forum (GCF) 4. WCC general assembly will be held in Asia	1. No specific staff who in charge for youth work in CCA
PUBLICATION 1. Quality of publication	1. Collection of articles	1. Electronics for reaching the national movement	1. Lost funding

2. New website and brochure		2. New website and brochure	
GOVERNANCE 1. Friendly host	1. Participants are not proper 2. Participants have less experiences about business 3. Too much things for commission 4. Bad quality of facilities 5. Structure of program		

WSCF AP 20th Standing Committee Meeting

February 6 to 11, 2011 WSCF AP Regional Office, Mongkok, Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR

Time	Feb 6 (Sun)	Feb 7 (Mon)	Feb 8 (Tues)	Feb 9 (Wed)	Feb 10 (Thurs)	Feb 11(Fri)
7:30 -8:30	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:30	ARRIVAL	Morning Worship Search Committee Meeting and Preparation for interview	Morning Prayer/Bible Reflection (<i>Dhara</i>) -Regional Women Coordinator's Report -Discussion -Report of the Regional Women's Committee	Morning Prayer/Bible Reflection (<i>Fanny</i>) -Program Review and Evaluation	Morning Prayer/Bible Reflection (<i>Gayeon</i>) Search Committee Interview of Regional Secretary Applicants	Departure
10:30-10:45		Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break	
10:45	ARRIVAL	Search Committee Meeting and Preparation for interview	-Sunita's Evaluation -Discussion on Sunita's contract	-Planning for 2011-2012 -New Initiatives	Search Committee Interview	Departure
12:30 -2:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
2:00	ARRIVAL	Roll Call -Approval of Agenda -Review of Minutes -Matters Arising from the Minutes	-Regional Secretary's Report Discussion -Approval of the 2010 Financial Audit Report	-Fund-raising strategies and plans	Search Committee Meeting and Discussion	
4:30-4:45		Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break	
4:45		- WSCF Exco Meeting and Global Advocacy Committee Sharing/Plans Sharing by (<i>Immanuel</i>) -Sharing on the Global Christian Forum by (<i>Yustin</i>) -Sharing from WSCF USA Launch by (<i>Gayeon</i>)	-Movement Building Sharing	-Appointment of HR Coordinator -AOB -Closing Worship	FREE TIME	
7:00-8:00	Joint Welcome Dinner with RWC Members	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner/Fellowship with SCM Hong Kong and Senior Friends	
		FREE	FREE	FREE		

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