

# CLC Asia Pacific Regional Assembly 2019 Korea

## Final Document



## Living Faith in the Crowd

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The delegates to the 2019 Christian Life Community Asia Pacific Regional Assembly held in Seoul, Korea, give thanks to God for the graces we received in the Assembly. From 17 to 20 October, 36 delegates representing 13 National Communities (Australia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macau, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Vietnam) gathered at the Power of Love Center in Seoul.

Our Assembly theme *Living Faith in the Crowd* reflected the World Assembly's desire "to move the tent" (Projects 172). Scriptural inspiration was taken from when Jesus answered questions in the temple and "the great crowd heard this with delight" (Mark 12:37). We too listened to God as one community as we discerned how to move our tent to the crowd.

CLC Korea's hospitality and witness during the Assembly was very special. From the first welcome, the host team's attentiveness to the needs of delegates inspired us to trust one another in this Assembly. Dr Edmond Jaewoo Hyun helped us understand CLC in the context of the modern world. We found a community arose on the foundation of CLC Korea's hospitality. We are deeply grateful.

The CLC Asia Pacific Animating Team prepared the region for this Assembly. Over the last five years they met regularly online and occasionally in person, forming a small community which prayed, shared and dreamed together. They have built channels of communication between National Communities. They prepared the region for the 2017 Asian Youth Day in Indonesia. They also carried the fruit of communal discernment at the World Assembly to this Asia Pacific Assembly. In these days they helped us remember our graced history as a region and enabled us to dream as one community.

We give thanks to God for the Society of Jesus and the generosity of their support for Asia Pacific CLC. Through the solidarity and friendship of our Ecclesiastical Assistants and their fellow Jesuits we have been helped to discern God's will for us in our time. We are inspired by our Jesuit companions to experience each other more and more as "friends in the Lord". As we walk together, Jesus sets us free to serve on mission at the apostolic frontiers of today.

We give thanks too for the presence, wisdom and encouragement of older and more experienced CLC members. We desire to walk with them into a graced future.

We remember with gratitude and love those members who have been called to the Lord. They have paved a way for us to follow.

## **The Call**

We heard with renewed enthusiasm the call of the Buenos Aires World Assembly: “Deepen. Share. Go Forth.” We continued the communal discernment which started there. In so doing, we recalled the graced frontiers for mission which emerged from the Lebanon World Assembly: family, globalisation and poverty, ecology, and youth.

We lived a movement of the Holy Spirit giving us a consoling experience of each other and harmony among our National Communities. We had the felt sense of deeper understanding between and among us. Each of us discovered that we are “one body with many parts” (Romans 12:4). Through listening and learning from each other, we came to realise a willingness for close relationship between us and with God.

The call we have received from God at this Asia Pacific Assembly reflects the call from the World Assembly to “Deepen, Share and Go Forth”:

### **1. Communal Discernment**

We had a deep experience of the grace of communal discernment in these days. We encourage the CLC Asia Pacific community to deepen the practice of communal discernment within and between all National Communities in the region. Communal discernment is how we find God in the heart of the crowd.

The signs of the times call us to communally discern our responses to the economic, social, political and cultural realities we find ourselves in as National Communities. We are transformed into prophetic Ignatian communities when these socio-political realities inform our personal and communal missions. We are then free to discern and express the movement of the Spirit among the crowd of today.

We desire to serve the universal Church with the gift of communal discernment. In our particular circumstances we desire to walk with local churches in this way. We recognise that we must be discerning persons in our personal lives if we are to be effective servants of communal discernment. We see that the Spirit is at work. We realise all communal discernment needs to trust in God’s time. We wonder: what are the needs in our particular national and local churches? How can we respond?

### **2. Accompanying Young People**

For many CLC members in our region the first experience of CLC was a graced one as a young person. These experiences have called out of us a commitment to serve young people of today. For the past five years since the Taiwan AP Assembly, we as the Asia Pacific CLC community have been committed to forming young people within our region. This mission has proved fruitful and the desire of this Assembly is to continue this work.

Our way is that of accompaniment: to listen, walk with, and help young people discern. We want to enter the door of young people of today and be transformed alongside them in God’s presence. Then we can walk together through the next door rejoicing.

### **3. Working Together**

We desire to build channels to support and work with each other. The particular experience of solidarity in mission among young people, which emerged after the Taiwan Asia Pacific Assembly, shows us a way forward. We desire to deepen collaboration for our mission on a regional basis.

We desire to build collaboration among National Communities within our region in order to support each community's growth, with particular attention given to individual National Communities with observer status and encouragement for communities in emerging countries. We offer to share our resources with each other.

We desire to learn from each other. For instance, the graces CLC Korea have received through communal discernment inspired a new consciousness among those gathered at the Assembly. Through their discernment of commitments to the CLC Hope schools, creating a visible platform for the mission of evangelization in Korea, and finding appropriate local ways to welcome new members to CLC, we have been given inspiration for our own National Community discernments.

### **4. Communication Within the Asia Pacific Region**

We seek to communicate opportunities for collaboration, strengthening personal and communal relationships through talking to each other. These opportunities may include local CLC communities and National Communities sharing experiences of formation for mission out of their local context.

We encourage members to keep conversations going. We invite each of the members of our CLC Asia Pacific Community to follow the Facebook pages of all National Communities in our region. We also invite members to participate in the "CLC Asia Pacific Link" Facebook group. We ask members to remember the other National Communities and their needs in prayer.

### **5. New Animating Team**

At the conclusion of the Assembly, a new Asia Pacific Animating Team was elected to serve for the next five-year period until the next AP Assembly. The members of the Animating Team are Agnes Shin (Korea), Cosmas Tsao (Taiwan), Jeraldine Ching (Philippines), Gregorius Tjaidjadi (Indonesia) and James O'Brien (Australia). We invite the CLC Asia Pacific community to keep the Animating Team in their prayers.

## **Conclusion**

We listened attentively to each other in this Assembly. We experienced great intimacy in the Assembly process. In our sharing and reflection we experienced CLC as a family. We treasure the communion we felt among National Communities in our region.

This experience of Seoul, for each of the National Communities there, continues. We want to maintain the connections: to dream together. We desire to share deeply as we live out our mission.