

## **REPORT OF THE NORTHEAST ASIA AREA COUNCIL**

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Since the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Northeast Asia Accra consultation took place in September 2014, NEAAC was supposed to have its administrative committee in November 2015 and yet, due to the tight schedules of each member church, as well as miscommunication problems, the administrative committee was not able to take place. The council meeting as well as a theological consultation was held in February 2016 with the theme of “Living God, renew and transform us,” which is also the 2017 General Council theme of the WCRC.

### **The Theological Consultation in February 2016**

Yoon-Jae Chang, professor of Christian studies and systematic theology at Ewha Woman’s University, was invited to deliver the keynote address to the Council. With the title of “A New Reformation: God of the Rainbow and the Transformation of Christianity,” Prof. Chang emphasized the importance of initiating a new Reformation to transform Christianity itself. There is a need to call for a reawakening of the Christian spirit of renewal and the radical transformation of Christianity itself. There is a need for a new vision of Christianity that honors God, values the earth and emphasizes humility and stewardship of humanity. Prof. Chang addressed that God has prepared for us a path toward life and commands us to turn feet away from the path of violence and self-destruction. This God is the God of the rainbow in whom and through whom we can dream and act for a new Reformation as well as a sustainable future. Deeply anchored in God, the rock of our salvation, we will choose life, not death, renewing the church and building a sustainable future. This is the mission, vocation and reason of being of the WCRC today, which is called, at this very critical moment of human and Earth her/history: “To live out the Communion of Reformed Churches, participating in God’s mission, that all may experience the fullness of life in Jesus Christ.” The reason that Korea is the land of rainbow is because of color stripped sleeve. Korean colorful noodle dish, Chap Che—the rainbow noodle. We cannot resist and escape from this grace of God.

Rev. Sungjae Kim, the moderator of the Korean Christian Church in Japan, led the Bible study with the title of “Hospitality that Transcends Animosity: Pilgrim Abraham and the Path of Jesus.”

Ms. Borah Lim from the PROK sharing her participation on behalf of NEAAC to the bi-regional consultation of Accra+10 bi-regional meeting that took place in 16-21 November 2015 and how perspectives and voices from Northeast Asia has been engaged in this bi-regional consultation. Due to some communication problems as well as visa issues, NEAAC eventually was able to send only one representative to be involved in this bi-regional meeting.

### **Administrative and Council Meeting**

#### **1. Rotation of coordination and moderation of host countries**

The question of rotation with Hong Kong now a member of NEACC was raised as such a question would effect the rotating order of host countries for council meetings, as well as

the rotation order for moderatorship and the leadership of NEAAC. The council approved that the rotation order will be Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and Korea. Based on this new decision, there will be an administrative committee meeting to be hosted by the HKCCCC later in the year of 2016 and an area council meeting in 2018. Names of area secretary and treasurer shall also come from HKCCCC and other vice-moderator need to be given later.

## 2. Member Churches Issues

Two Korean member churches, PCK-Daeshin and PCK-Baeksuk finalized the process of merger and yet, due to some internal problems with leadership the newly merged Daeshin Presbyterian Church, it is still difficult for this new church to be an active church as expected. Therefore, there is a need to remain patient before being able to re-engage this member church. At the same time, the ecumenical officer of PCK, Rev. Byun Chang-Bae, will continue to be the major liaison from NEAAC to Daeshin Presbyterian Church.

## 3. In relation to the preparation of the 2017 General Council

The member churches that were present in the council meeting were asked to send the most updated church data information (mainly the major contact window) to the NEAAC moderator as well as the WCRC Hannover office as the preparation for the upcoming 2017 General Council. There is also a request from the vice president of Asia asking member churches that are eligible to send more than 2 delegates, shall seriously consider to send a youth delegate to the 2017 General Council.

## 4. Task Force about job description and responsibilities for officers of NEAAC

In relation to the newly joined member church from Hong Kong, there was a request to have a thorough and clear document about job descriptions and responsibilities of officers for NEAAC (i.e, moderator, vice-moderator, area secretary and treasurer), the council meeting approved to ask Elder Yoshi Fujimori from CCJ and Rev. Sungjae Kim from KCCJ as a task force team to come up with written document that contains job descriptions and responsibilities of NEAAC officers and to be submit to Administrative Committee.

## Financial Report

Date	Description	Revenue	Expense	Balance
2014-03-27	Balance	₩210,000 ¥525,000 \$1,000		₩210,000 ¥525,000 \$1,000
2014-04-02	Currency exchange	₩1,672,143	¥165,000	₩1,882,143
	Travel expense to executive committee		₩1,580,000	₩302,143
2014-04-16	Membership fee	₩3,067,662		₩3,369,805
	Interest	₩526		₩3,370,331
2014-11-24	Travel expense to Accra consultation		₩2,170,904	₩1,199,427
2014-12-20				
-	Interest			
2015-12-19		₩2,706		₩1,202,133

₩ = South-Korean Won  
¥ = Japanese Yen  
\$ = US Dollars

<i>Total balance \$ (average FX rate)</i>	<b>Total balance</b>
\$ 1,000	<b>₩1,202,133</b>
\$ 3,200	<b>¥360,000</b>
\$ 1,000	<b>\$1,000</b>
\$ 5,200	