

Report of the Northeast Asia Area Council (NEAAC)

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1. NEAAC holds Area Council meetings every two years, rotating among countries. 22-24 January 2018 was the first ever Area Council in Hong Kong. 2020 will be in Taiwan, 2022 in Japan, 2024 in Korea.
 2. The current NEAAC leadership from 2018-2020 consists of:
Moderator Rev. LIAN Chin-Siong,
Secretary Ms. LU En-hsuan, and
Treasurer Ms. LIN Wan-Jou,
nominated by PCT (Presbyterian Church in Taiwan). Every other member church also sends one member to make up the Administrative Committee:
KCCJ (Korean Christian Church in Japan): Rev. HEO Baekki
CCJ (Church of Christ in Japan): Elder FUJIMORI Yoshi
PROK (Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea): Rev. LIM Junghwan
PCK (Presbyterian Church of Korea): Rev. CHO Joohee
HKCCCC (Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China): Rev. Eric SO
3. Usually, the Administrative Committee meets annually. However, there was no Administrative Committee held during the recent Area Council in Hong Kong. And there was also no Administrative Committee held in 2017 because it was the General Council year of the WCRC. NEAAC members only utilized the 2017 General Council to meet briefly during their time in Leipzig to set the dates of the 2018 Area Council. So the Administrative Committee that was held this year in Taipei on 9 April 2019 was actually the first Administrative Committee meeting since 2016 where NEAAC members were able to sit down to talk about business.
4. However, there was an unfortunate situation with the recent 2019 Administrative Committee meeting, in which two members of NEAAC were absent, which is an unusual situation because in NEAAC we seek to make every decision in full consensus among all of the member churches. Rev. Eric SO of the HKCCCC expressed that they need at least two months' notice prior to whatever meeting will be held because they have to discuss the nomination of representative in their Standing Committee and ExCo. Rev. CHO Joohee of the PCK expressed their deep sorry and regret to have to cancel their coming to the meeting only two days before the meeting date on April 9. The 2019 Administrative Committee was thus convened with only the other four member churches (PCT, CCJ, KCCJ, PROK) present. Therefore, it was decided during the Administrative Committee meeting that all decisions made during the meeting should be sent to the two absent churches to get their opinion on the decisions before implementation.
5. The theme of this year's Administrative Meeting was "Revitalizing our Regional Work." We heard updates of each member church. Although PCK was absent, they still managed to present their update and it was read in the meeting. All churches in Korea and Japan expressed

that their churches are in decline of membership. And while the PCT membership appears to be growing, it is also a challenge for the PCT that churches are generally speaking not too youth-friendly with its leadership and membership.

6. The Administrative Meeting this year also read and reviewed the whole Strategic Plan approved in last year’s Executive Committee of the WCRC. The general impression was that the whole Strategic Plan was trying to include everything and needs to find focus that can show forth a distinctive Reformed and Reforming mark.
7. NEAAC welcomed a program proposal of the PCK to host a NEAAC Youth Empowerment Program in October 24-28. Hosting costs will be shared by PCK and PROK, while other regions should contribute the airfares of attending the Youth Empowerment in Korea. So this special program will not use any NEAAC general budget.
8. The date of next year’s Area Council in Taiwan was also set to 10-12 February 2020. The theme was also discussed and tentatively set as “Rediscovering Communion: Power, Just Participation, and Reclaiming the Radicality of the Gospel.” Expectation was high that in a Northeast Asian context, this theme can best be dealt with in Taiwan. NEAAC would also like to especially invite WCRC President Rev. Najla Kassab to attend next year’s Area Council in Taiwan since it will deal with gender justice and power issues for young people in Asia.
9. A suggestion from Executive Secretary for Justice and Witness, Rev. Philip Peacock, that NEAAC can consider inviting one or two delegates from other smaller churches in Asia that are not NEAAC members to attend the proposed NEAAC Youth Empowerment Program was also discussed. However, it was noted that Asia is very diverse. Northeast Asian churches have issues to deal with that are very different from other areas in Asia. So for the moment this Youth Empowerment Program seeks first to strengthen relationship between Northeast Asian youths.
10. Member churches of NEAAC also utilized the Administrative Meeting in Taiwan to hand in annual membership amount at 1000USD per church per year.
11. NEAAC 2018 Financial Report after Area Council in Hong Kong: Currency in NTD

Date	Notes	Income	Expense	Sum
2018.05.15	Amount received from HKCCCC	380,725		380,725
2018.05.23	Expense for WCRC ExCom flight		9,200	371,525
2018.05.23	Expense for WCRC ExCom accommodation		18,326	353,199
2018.11.08	PCT Membership for 2017-2018	61,290		414,489
2018.12.31	CCJ Membership for 2015-2018	122,692		537,181