



## In-Person Attendance at Post-Covid Church Sunday Worship Services



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Most churches in Asia and globally were impacted by government restrictions as part of the worldwide response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Around March 2020, Asian governments, at both the national and local levels, began to impose measures and restrictions affecting religious gatherings, including churches, to curb the spread of Covid-19. In some places, the restrictions regarding on-site Sunday worship gatherings lasted for more than two years; in other places, the restrictions continued only for a few months.

Anecdotal accounts, conversations and interviews with pastors and church leaders in several Asian countries (Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Mongolia, Korea, India, Vietnam and others) from September to November 2022 suggest that on average, 60 to 75 percent of pre-Covid Sunday worshipers have returned to in-person Sunday worship services.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In spring 2022, Pew Research Center revealed their U.S. findings regarding people who typically attended religious services at least once or twice a month prior to Covid restrictions. Pew found that 67% of them had attended an in-person Sunday service in the last month. Justin Nortey, "More Houses of Worship Are Returning to Normal Operations, but In-Person Attendance Is Unchanged since Fall," Pew Research Center, March 22, 2022.

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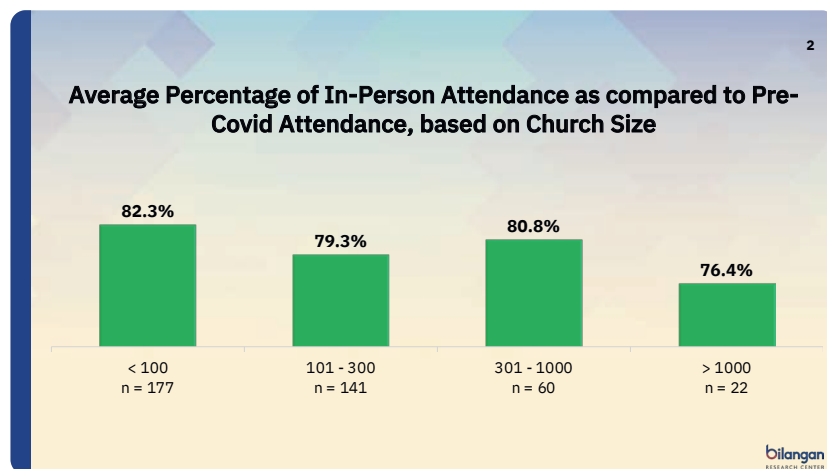
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Some of the reasons given by pastors and church leaders for the drop of 25 to 40 percent are as follows:

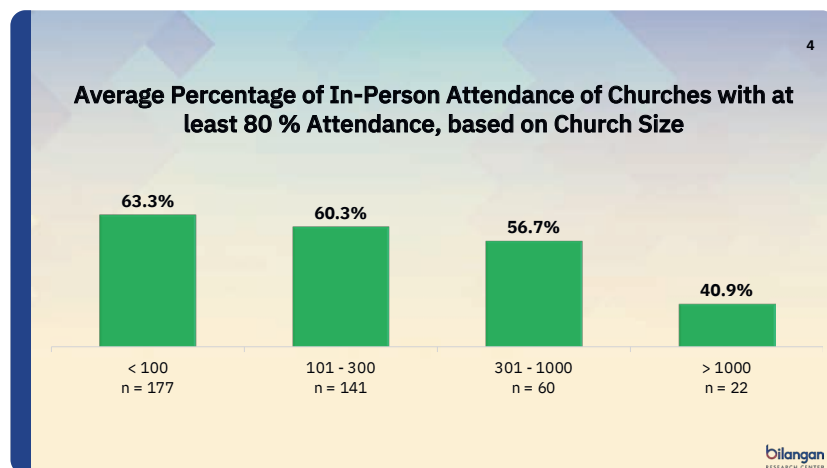
1. After up to two years of online worship at home (via streaming or YouTube), people became accustomed to and now feel more comfortable with it. Many churches continue to provide streaming of online services in conjunction with their on-site Sunday worship services.
2. During Covid, as people worshiped online, they were able to "shop around" and watch other churches' Sunday worship as well, and many decided to stay with a newly discovered worship service that matched their needs, style and preferences. So they migrated to another church.
3. Some pastors suspected that a number of pre-Covid church participants who did not show up at church after Covid had in fact stopped attending any church due to a lack of spiritual nurturing during Covid restrictions.

In September and October 2022, Bilangan Research Center (BRC) conducted a national survey to better understand the impact of Covid-related restrictions on religious gatherings in Indonesia, specifically concerning post-Covid in-person church attendance. The survey was conducted online, with 406 pastors and local church leaders responding.

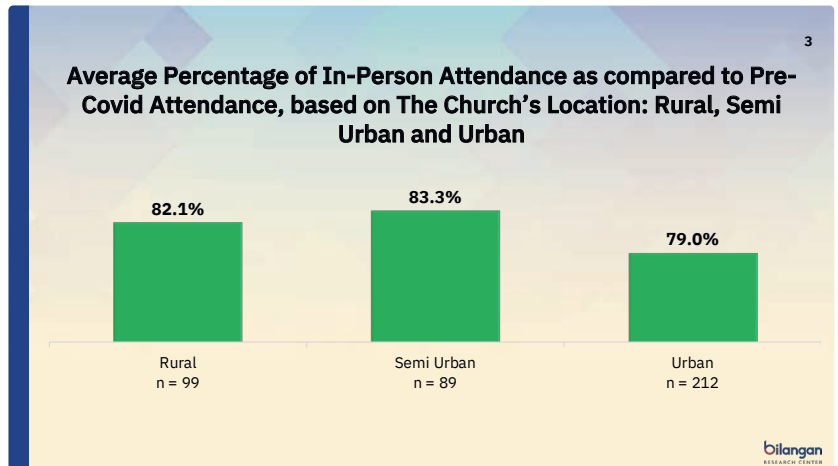
In general, the percentage of churchgoers in smaller churches who attended post-Covid in-person Sunday worship was higher (82.3%) as compared to larger churches (76.4%).



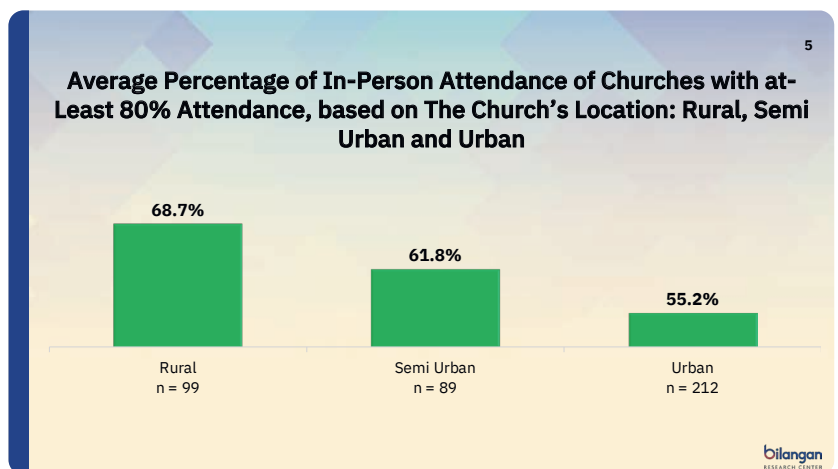
There were 63.3% of smaller churches (regular attendance of less than 100) where at least 80% of their members attended post-Covid in-person Sunday services; during the same time, only 40.9% of the larger churches (more than 1,000 people attending) have reached 80% or more of their pre-Covid attendance.



With regards to church locations (rural, semi-urban and urban), the percentage of churchgoers in rural area who attended post-Covid Sunday worship was slightly higher (83.0%) compared to those attending in-person worship services in urban areas (78.2%).



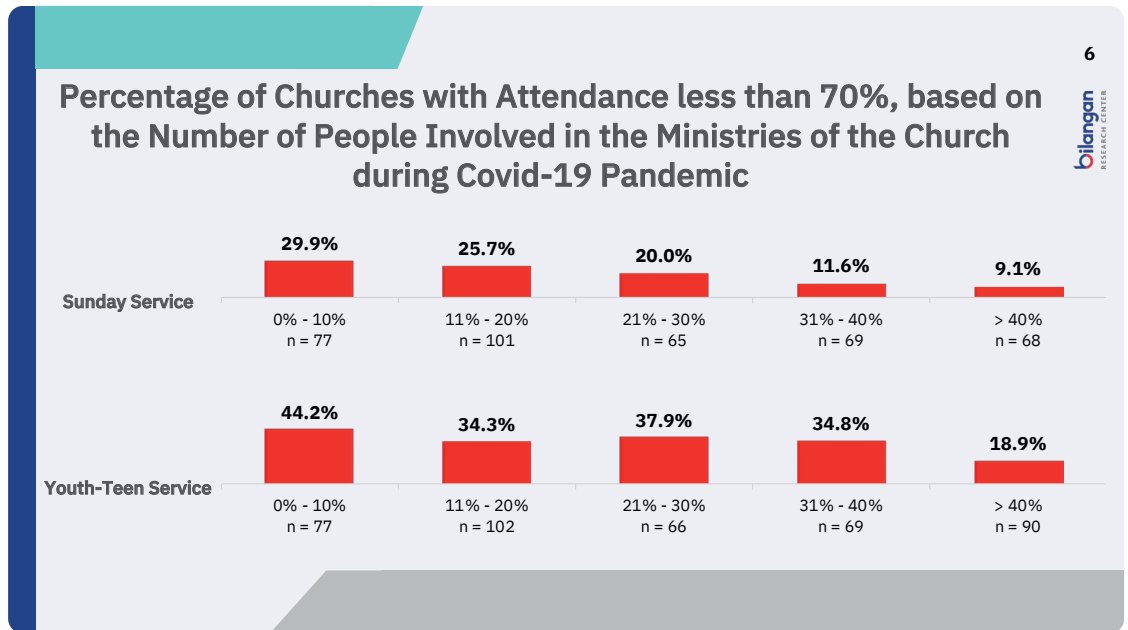
69% of churches in rural settings had reached 80% or more of their pre-Covid attendance, whereas in urban areas, only 53% of all churches were attracting at least 80% of pre-Covid attendance.



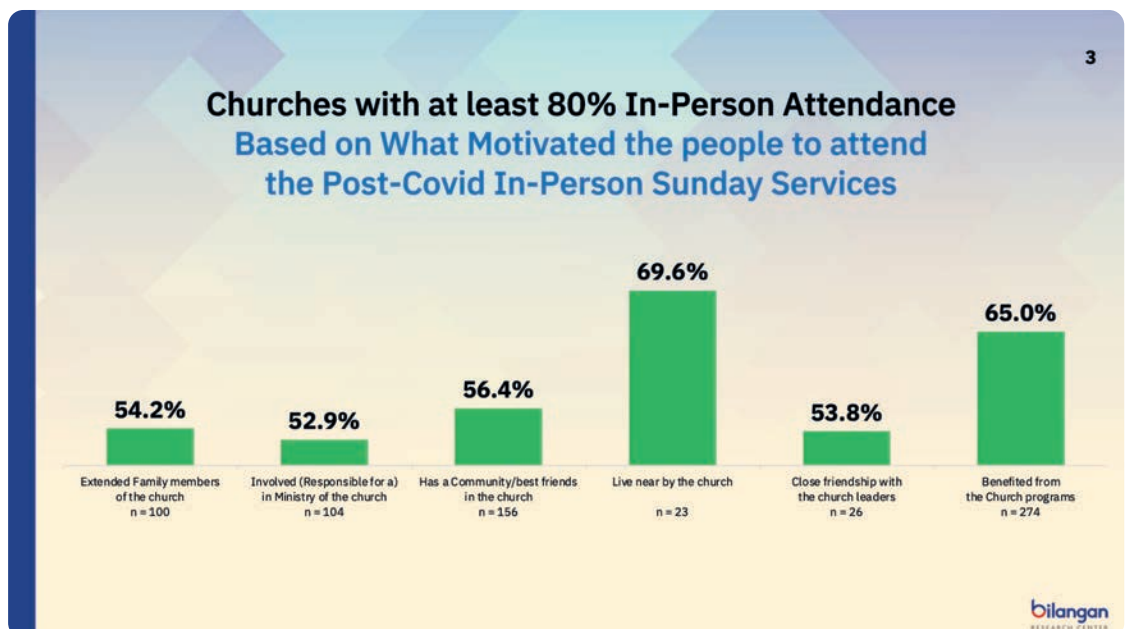
Church members' engagement (involvement in the ministries of the church) was a key differentiating factor. Churches with a higher percentage of their members engaged in the ministries of the church seem to do better than churches with a lower percentage of members actively involved.

About 30% of churches where engagement was very low (with fewer than 10% of members involved in the ministries of the church) indicated that their post-Covid in-person Sunday services were attended by less than 70% of their pre-Covid attendance. In contrast, among the highly engaged churches (where more than 40% of members are involved in the ministries of the church), only 9.1% were attended by fewer than 70% of their pre-Covid Sunday worshippers.

Similar trends were found among youth-teens worship services, as "engaged" youth-teen worship services (where more than 40% of church members were involved in ministries) did much better than less engaged youth-teen churches (with fewer than 10% involved in ministries). Only 19% of the engaged youth-teen churches had attendance of less than 70% of pre-Covid levels, compared to 45% among the less engaged Youth-Teen Weekly Worship Service.



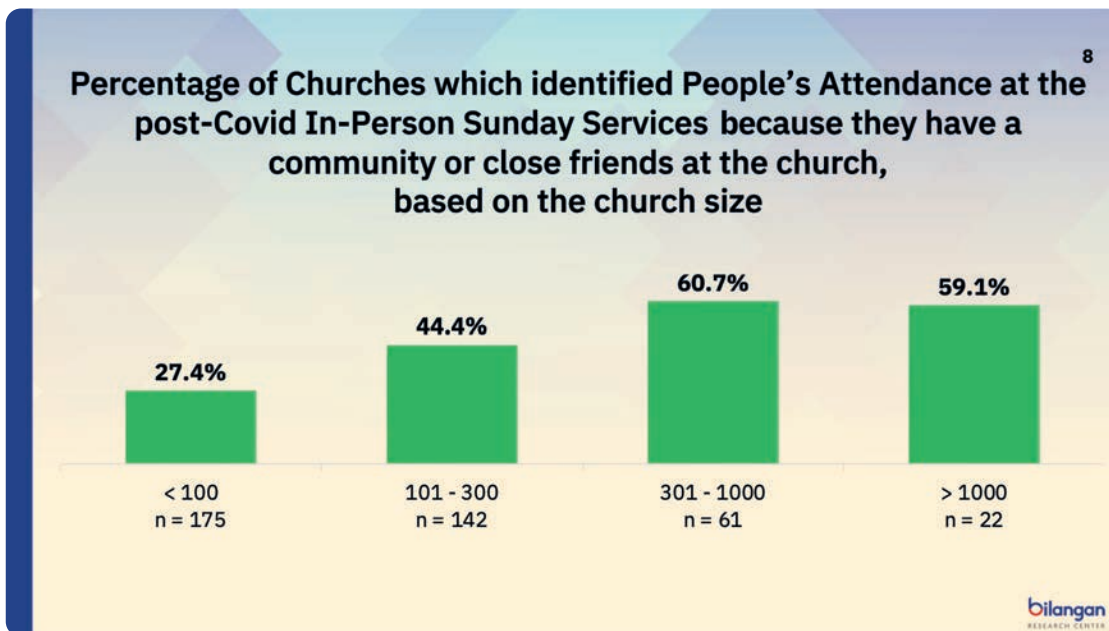
Among the churches with in-person attendance of more than 80%, the strongest reasons were that most of their members live close to the church or within the neighborhood (69.5%) and that members were experiencing spiritual growth through the church's programs and activities, even during the Covid restriction period (65.2%).



A sense of community was also a significant factor in motivating church members to attend in-person Sunday services. In most cases, in larger churches, people tend to experience less sense

of community, and a sense of community (for those who had one) provides a greater motivation for members to attend in-person services. The bigger the size (in number of church attenders) of the church, the more important a sense of community was in determining whether they returned to in-person Sunday worship.

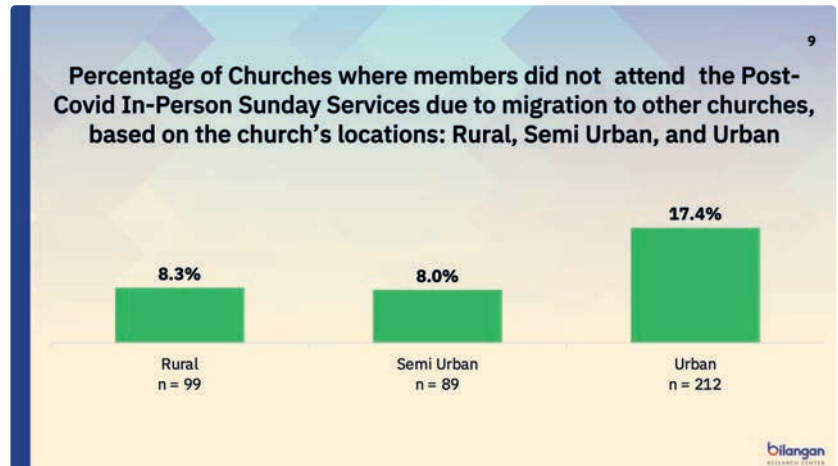
In larger churches (more than 1,000 members), some 60% of those attending in-person services indicated that having a sense of community at the church was among the primary reasons motivating them to attend, as compared to only 27% among the smaller churches. This is presumably because in smaller churches, a sense of community is readily available to all participants and is not evaluated by each member on an individual basis.



In BRC's earlier research (2017-2018), 46.1% of urban churches that had grown in the past 10 years indicated that one of the primary reasons for their numerical growth was migration from other churches.<sup>2</sup> There are indications that Covid's restrictions on church gatherings during the past two years have contributed toward further church migration, especially between churches in urban settings.

<sup>2</sup> BRC, *Kunci Pertumbuhan Gereja di Indonesia (Keys to Church Growth in Indonesia)*, 2020:24.

Overall, 17.4% of urban churches indicated church migrations as one of the primary reasons why their pre-Covid churchgoers did not show up at their in-person worship services.



## Closing Remarks

Not covered by the survey in Indonesia, but mentioned multiple times during interviews and discussions with evangelical leaders in Asia, was the question of where the highest casualties among churches were felt. In a number of Asian countries, the highest casualties caused by Covid-19 restrictions were among the smaller, poorer and newer churches. They were not culturally, financially or organizationally ready to respond to Covid restrictions. They were not firmly established as a community when Covid struck. Many of these recently planted churches had to cease operations.

The findings of this survey pose some important questions for further research:

1. Does the current state of the church, related to the decline in in-person church attendance, reflect a short-term setback that will be overcome in a few short months as Covid grows weaker? Or will this be the trajectory for in-person Sunday worship services in general?

2. What will it take for the church to recover from the decline in in-person Sunday worship attendance?
3. Most churches that conducted online worship services during the Covid restrictions continue to offer this option (via streaming or YouTube) even after they have resumed in-person worship. In effect, they are now conducting hybrid worship services. Will this be the permanent future of church expression? What will the future role of online Sunday worship services be?
4. Covid has introduced a new landscape for the church in Asia. What other church stories, realities or expressions have emerged during and because of the Covid restrictions?
5. How will the trend toward attending church online rather than amidst a congregation of believers affect the vitality and ministries of our churches? ■

# GROWING TOGETHER WITH MONGOLIA EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE



**Bolortuya Daminjav**  
Executive Council Member  
Asia Evangelical Alliance

**A**t the invitation of the Mongolian Evangelical Alliance (MEA), Dr Bambang Budijanto, the general secretary of the Asia Evangelical Alliance (AEA), made an official visit to the country's capital, Ulaanbaatar in October 2022. His six-day visit, from the 17th to the 22nd, was a tremendous blessing as MEA, our young national alliance, and its leadership, aims to strengthen the relationship with AEA.

MEA was founded in 1997 with just ten members churches, today we have more than six-hundred-member churches and organizations from various denominations. Our vision is to "Make disciples of Christ and proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom to all nations." The Alliance's primary ministry focus is to represent Mongolia's evangelical church before the government, protect it from cults and promote unity and partnership among churches.

The first modern Mongolian church was founded in 1991 and since then numbers have been steadily growing. Most churches are led by national leaders, each of whom strives to make disciples in our nation and beyond. We thank the Lord for



what He has done in our country during these last thirty years through the churches. Meanwhile, we realize the importance of evaluating our past as we seek to move forward. Definitely one of the

major challenges to the Mongolian church is the growth and further development of local leaders. Therefore, during his visit, we asked Dr. Budijanto to teach us principles of godly leadership.

His visit brought much encouragement to MEA and to local church leaders. Dr. Budijanto took time to listen, advise, teach and instruct us as a brother in Christ. One of his teachings was about building the Healthy and Strong National Alliance. Using the inventory and monitoring system that he taught us; we practiced evaluating our alliance's ministry. It was a very helpful exercise and something we plan to do each year, in the hope that it will enable us to serve our members more effectively.

Moreover, God is raising up a new generation of church leadership. Our concern is how to equip these new, young leaders and help them grow to be godly leaders. Intergenerational leadership is indeed a critical practice in our church ministries.

Pastor Altantsooj. Ts, the president of MEA said, "Dr. Budijanto's visit came at precisely the right time and was crucial for MEA and church leaders. MEA is thankful to be a member of AEA and we trust that our partnership will continue to grow stronger."

We trust that God will use the churches to extend His Kingdom in Mongolia and beyond. For that, MEA has a pivotal role in keeping the unity of the body of Christ in the country. ■



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# PASTORS AND LEADERS CONFERENCE ON DISCIPLESHIP

*with National Christian  
Fellowship of Bangladesh*



**Bishop Philip P. Adhikary**  
Chairman  
National Christian Fellowship  
of Bangladesh



**W**ith the blessing of our glorious Lord, Bangladesh has become the witness of the biggest **“National Pastors and Leadership Conference-2022”** on November 23-26, 2022. Bangladesh Evangelical Alliance (NCFB) was the proud host of the conference and helped the national denominations to be a blessed part of the event. Around **600 church leaders, including the women and youth**, have participated in the conference to receive guidance on **“Transforming the Nation through Leadership and Discipleship Training”**. Our vision is to **“Come, be a disciple first and make disciples of all Nations” (Matthew 28:19-20)**. We are blessed to announce that we have successfully shared the vision and reached the heart of the church leaders who participated in the conference. The impact is visible.

**The WEA CEO and Secretary General Dr. Thomas Schirmmacher and AEA Secretary General Dr. Bambang Budijanto** were the main speakers who shared their hearts and reached the souls of the national church leaders. They trained the participants and fruitfully planted the seeds of our vision in their hearts. We are greatly honored and privileged to have Dr. Thomas and Dr. Budijanto with us.



**Bp. Dr. Thomas Schirmmacher** Secretary General & CEO, WEA    **BP. Philip P. Adhikary** President, NCFB    **Dr. Bambang Budijanto** General Secretary, AEA

Besides, the Lord our God has blessed me to host them during the conference. We are truly grateful.

I would like to praise our loving and merciful Father for providing the opportunity to Bangladesh Evangelical Alliance (NCFB), all our 600 church leaders including women and youth, our entire team, and me to become the witness of this successful event. I request you all to keep Bangladesh, our national denominations, and our Church leaders and pastors in your prayer so that the Lord bless the nation with life transformation through them and through the blessed training they have received. ■



# South Asia Women Commission: "Rise in Christ"

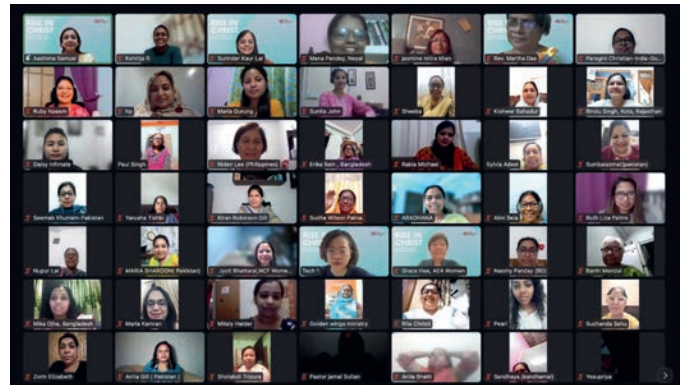


**Ruby Naeem John**  
Women Commission Member  
Asia Evangelical Alliance

The inaugural online regional women conference for South Asia was successfully held on the 26th and 27th of August 2022, with the theme "Rise in Christ". A total of 106 women from Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and Nepal attended and at its conclusion, had women clamouring for more and desiring to see a women's movement in the region.

The Conference was the hard work of the AEA Women Commission members from South India, namely Aashima Bernard Samuel (India), Rev. Martha Das (Bangladesh), Surinder Kaur Lal (India) and Ruby Naeem John (Pakistan). The teaching sessions were led by Ruby and Surinder, while Aashima and Rev. Martha played hosts on day one and day two respectively.

Other interesting segments of the conference were panel discussions, videos of women with real stories and worship designed to inspire the sisters to rise in Christ. To enable grassroots women to participate, the Conference had interpretations of the main teaching sessions into Urdu, Bangla and Nepali.



It was a great event and there is hope that this platform will continue to bring different women voices in the region to be united in love and to inspire each other to be all that Christ has called us to be. ■

# Women Conference Report **DEEPER, HIGHER FOR GREATER FRUITFULNESS**



**May Pan Lynn**

Chairperson, AEA Women Commission  
EXCO Member, AEA



**W**omen love to talk, like to fellowship and they never seem to be weary of making friends. Carl Jung said, "The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed." This is true for Asian women. On November 4 and 5, 2022, the AEA Women Commission hosted an online conference for women across Asia and beyond, and we had an awesome time together.

The theme of our conference was "Deeper, Higher for Greater Fruitfulness." Regardless of geographical distances and time zones, the Lord brought together 170 participants from Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar, Pakistan, India, Mongolia, Nepal, South Korea, Indonesia, Bangladesh, and some from beyond Asia. It was an incredible gathering and fellowship!

We received the Word of God in one spirit, laughed together and shared our hearts in tears. Though we came from different languages and cultures, these were not barriers in the journey of learning together in His presence. Nothing could

not stop us from receiving the beautiful messages from the Bible together in unity. It was just a two-days conference, but its impact was so powerful. God opened our eyes to see the things we had never seen before and encouraged us to move forward in faith no matter what we were facing.

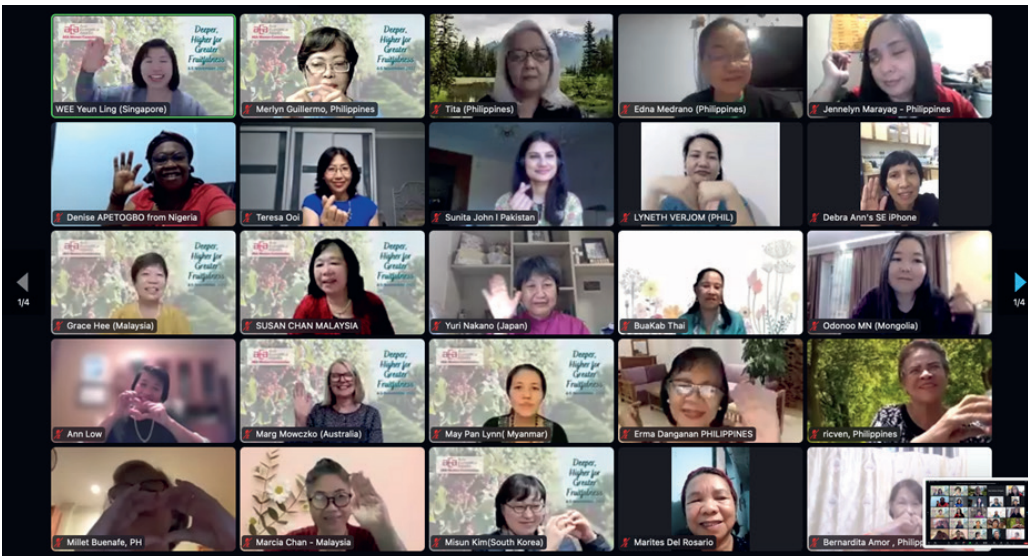
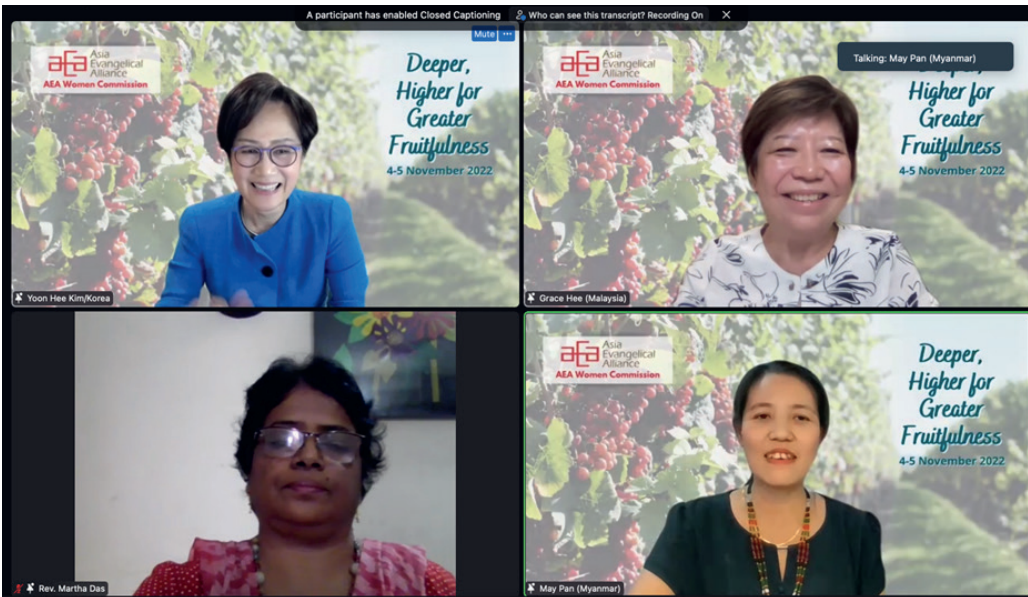
The speakers were Margaret Mowczko, a theologian from Australia, Dr. Rev. Ann Low from Malaysia, and Dr. Yoon-Hee Kim, the former AEA Women Commission's Director from South Korea. They each shared the three highlights of the Conference which were the Identity of women leaders, Intimacy - whom we belong, and Influence - who do we impact, respectively. Each session was followed by experiential time of panel discussions, breakout discussions and prayers.

The Conference also included beautiful testimonies from seasoned women leaders in the Commission. Rev. Dr. Buakab Ronghanam from Thailand and Sister Merlyn Guillermo from the Philippines shared their journeys into leadership and the impacts they have made by the grace and hand of God. Warm video greetings also came

from Dr. Bambang, the General Secretary of Asia Evangelical Alliance and Amanda Jackson, the Executive Director of the Women Commission of the World Evangelical Alliance.

At the end of the last session, a poll feedback from participants revealed the participants felt the Conference met their expectations and desired

more online sessions. Under the leadership of Grace Hee, the Executive Director of AEA Women Commission and May Pan Lynn, the Chairperson, the whole Commission felt very blessed that the Conference went well with the help of many volunteers. We give Jesus all the praise and glory. Amen. ■





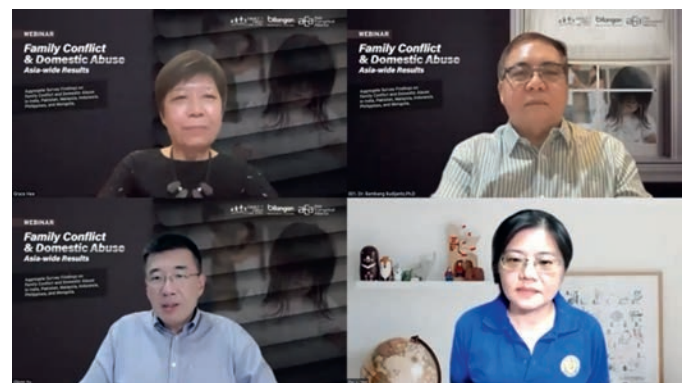
# DOMESTIC ABUSE AND FAMILY CONFLICT WEBINAR

Asia-wide Results – The Aggregate Findings of The Survey Conducted in Asia

**A**fter the first round of the Domestic Abuse and Family Conflict survey in the period of November 2021 – January 2022 and the webinar on March 1st, 2022 which was attended by about 1,450 participants from all across Asia, we conducted the extension of the survey in the period of February – April 2022 and summarized it in the Domestic Abuse and Family Conflict – Asia-wide result webinar on September 28th, 2022.

The survey and the webinar have been able to be well organized as the partnership between the AEA Women Commission with the Bilangan Research Center, and Family First Global. We also express special appreciation to the survey coordinators in six countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, India, Pakistan, and Nepal) for their hard work to get the data.

Mr. Glenn Yu from Pamilya Muna Pilipinas (Family First Philippines) was the first speaker on the webinar, highlighting how to prevent Domestic Abuse at the homes. Then Dr. Bambang presented the shocking truth of the Domestic Abuse survey result in Asia. The answer from about 1,466 respondents described the 5 clusters



of abuse which are: Physical Abuse, Emotional Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Financial Abuse, and Spiritual Abuse. The result shows that Domestic Abuse is worth being concerned about by the families, churches, and leaders at the national and regional levels.

Through this opportunity, Mrs. Grace Hee, the Women Commission Director of Asia Evangelical Alliance invited the leaders to join the movement to stop domestic abuse in each respective country by building awareness about this matter. She also encouraged the churches to join the World Evangelical Alliances' Red Chair project on November 27th, 2022 to build awareness for their local church members about this issue. Shortly this webinar was not only a moment to show the survey result, but also a call to action.

In the last part of the webinar, Pastor Samuel Ang as the General Secretary of the National Evangelical Christian Fellowship of Malaysia gave a closing remark and shared that he would support this movement in his country. ■



2023 D6 ASIA ONLINE FAMILY CONFERENCE



# Reconnect Church + Home in Generational Discipleship

## WHAT IS D6?

D6 is a family life movement based on the principles of Deuteronomy 6. The 2023 online Family Conference is aimed at equipping the Church & Home - expect to be inspired and learn practical ways to strengthen marriages, improve parent-child relationships and nurture discipleship in the home.

## MAIN CONFERENCE

**19 - 20 MAY  
(FRI - SAT) 2023**

## WHO SHOULD COME?

- Pastors & Ministry Leaders
- Parents/Grandparents
- Children/Family Life Ministry Teachers

## SAVE THE DATES & SPREAD THE WORD!

### FEEDBACK FROM 2022 D6 PARTICIPANTS

*"My eyes have been opened to so many truths I was unaware of."*

**PARENT**

*"I am so much blessed by God through D6 ...The term of "inter-generational" sinks to my heart deeply."*

**PASTOR**

*"It was not just a methodology, but an approach that was basically rooted in the Bible."*

**PARTICIPANT (JAPAN)**

[WWW.ASIAEA.ORG/D6ASIA](http://WWW.ASIAEA.ORG/D6ASIA)

**VISIT US FOR DETAILS & SUBSCRIBE TODAY FOR TIMELY UPDATES**

*Conference will be conducted in English with simultaneous translation available for some languages.*

# Restore Fatherhood, Impact Families and Society

**O**n 7 October 2022, AEA's D6 Asia team followed-up on its June 2022 Family Conference and partnered with The World Needs A Father (TWNAF). We gathered almost 80 Pastors and leaders gathered over Zoom and on site in Phnom Penh, Cambodia to be trained by Cassie Carstens, founder of TWNAF.



Picture: Pastors and leaders from 15 nations gathered

Cassie expounded on how the many people carry some form of father or mother wounds from our childhood which leads to insecurities manifest in different ways in our lives. Our insecurities result in issues in our leadership within the church, in marriages and parenting – our society implodes because of the insecurities we carry.

**“Research has shown that leaders fall more from their weaknesses than they succeed from their strengths” ~Cassie Carstens**



Picture: Cassie unpacking the root issues of inappropriate behaviour

Examples include leaders who are not able to trust or build relationship because of a mother wound as a child or those who are 'people pleasers' or always seeking the admiration of men because there is an internal feeling that they are not good enough. Other signs of insecurity include the need for: self-justification, security in material possessions, - indulgence or addictions, condemnatory or paternalistic, self-pity, jealousy, false self-concept, an orphan spirit (seek insatiably for recognition) and not being able to deal with critique or discipline.

Cassie then explained how one could move from victimhood to victory with the help of the Holy Spirit and establish new thought patterns and behaviour, having identified the issues.



The participants then heard how this training by TWNAF has been proven to be effective.

Pastor Vian, from South Africa, then shared how he applied all that he learned from TWNAF and started training men in his church and community. Over a 4-year period, he saw more than 70% drop in counselling cases in his church alone.



Picture: Ps Vian and Daniel joins Cassie for the Q&A time

After the Zoom meeting ended. The 39 Pastors and leaders in Cambodia continued for another hour to learn about the TWNAF detailed training that will start in quarter 1, 2023. We are excited to see how God is orchestrating this on the ground, bringing in the right partners together. We ask for your prayers, that a strong fathering movement will take root in Cambodia.



Picture: Elijah Sim sharing how the men gathered to pray in Cambodia on International Women's Day

We would love to connect you with a fathering movement that is running in your country, just drop us a line at [d6family@asiaea.org](mailto:d6family@asiaea.org)

All are encourage to watch the recording of Restore Father, Impact Families and Society.

Visit: <https://asiaea.org/d6asia/>

# YOUR ONE DEGREE ASIA BATCH 02

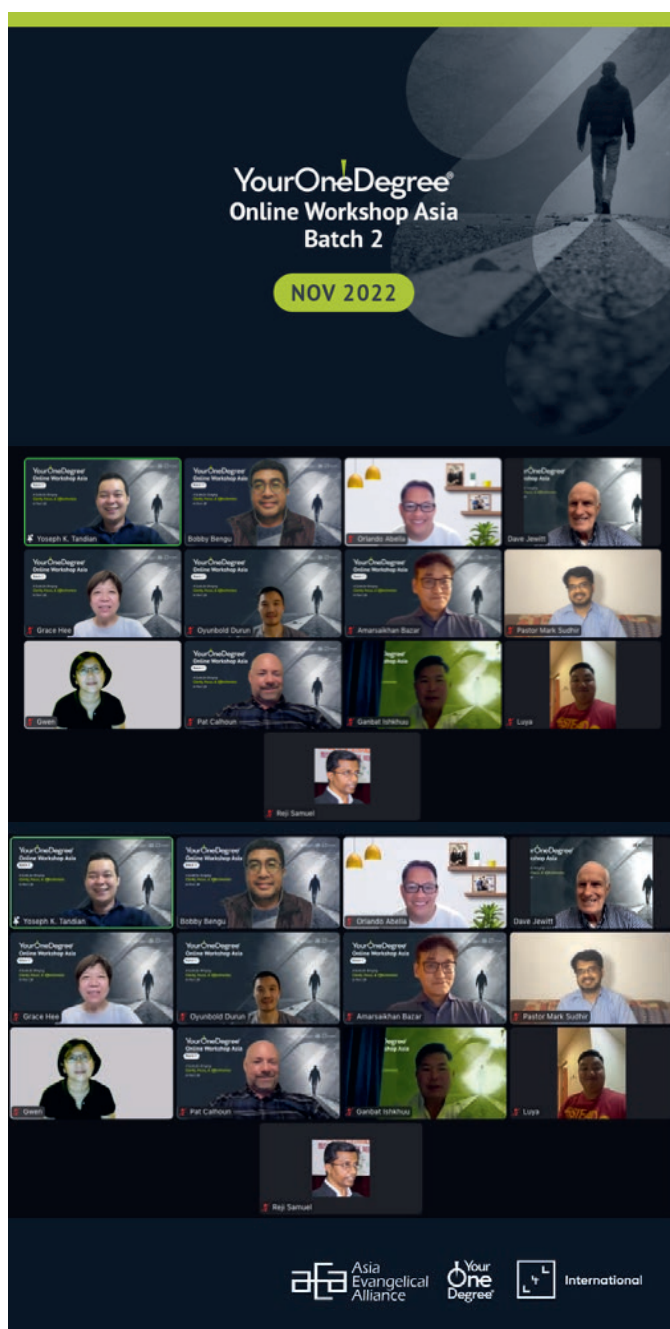


**Yoseph Tandian**  
Capacity Development Coordinator  
Asia Evangelical Alliance

**A**s a continuous process to help the leaders in Asia develop their leadership capacity, Your One Degree (YOD) Asia Batch 02 online workshop was conducted. The main goal of the workshop is to help leaders do self-discovery that brings focus, clarity, and effectiveness to their life, career, and ministry.

This 4-Mondays workshop was held in November 2022 as the collaboration between Asia Evangelical Alliance – Capacity Development Initiative, Leaders for Leaders International, and Your One Degree. Batch 2 was participated by 16 participants from 8 countries (Mongolia, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia).

Many leaders think that the development of their position and ministry will bring them into intense busyness with many responsibilities in their hands. But instead of making their life become more effective as leaders, it tends to overwhelm and swallow their life that leads to burn-out, blurry vision, unfulfilled feelings, and ineffectiveness. Through the Your One Degree exercises that bring the idea of understanding God's DESIGN (Drivers, Experiences, Skills, Interests, Giftedness, and Nature), the leaders are encouraged to have a spiritual-reflective journey and check whether they are really optimizing their purpose, passion, and potentials in God's specific calling.

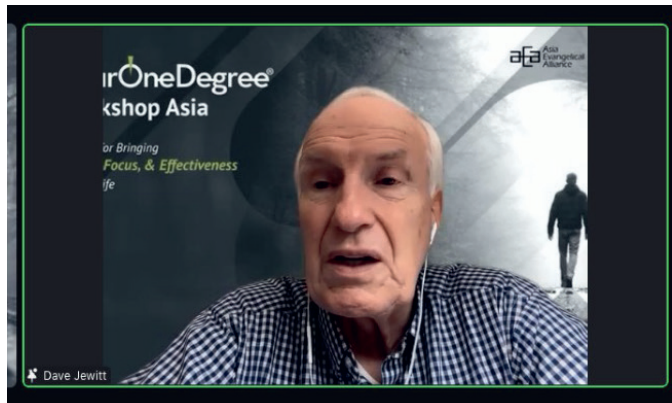


Your One Degree DESIGN exercises are designed by Dave Jewitt, a former technical director of American Airlines who found God's direction in the process of his career transition after so many years doing his role. In the process, he found that God's specific design is like one degree that will drive other degrees in life, and what a person really needs to do is to discern God's direction

in the midst of our busy activities. Dave is now, after finding his one degree, helping hundreds of leaders all around the world to find theirs.

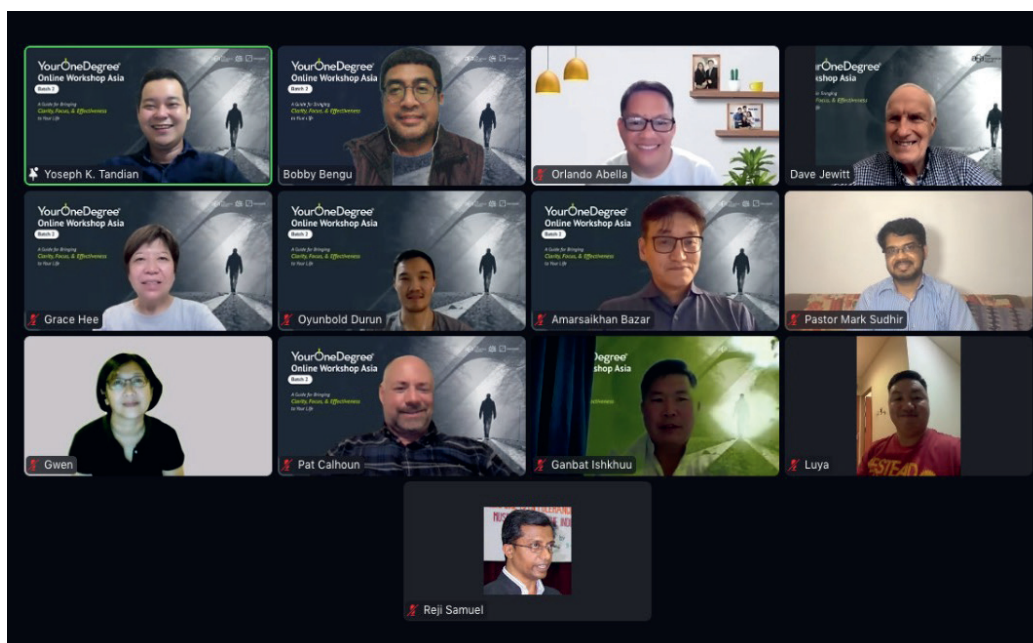
From the process of doing the exercises, the leaders discover the combination that will deeply confirm their unique calling and summarize it in form of a DESIGN Summary and the Potential Venue. We really hope that when the leaders realize the DESIGN and go deeper with it, the organizations and the people who follow will feel the tremendous impact of more effective leadership.

We recommend this workshop to be conducted locally in the context of every country through the National Evangelical Alliances to equip the leaders at any level.



**"I have been burned out for so many years handling many things and feeling incapable. Now I found it as an asset that helps me to focus on equipping the younger leaders and pastors who experience the similar situation with me."**

- Pastor Thanon,  
AEA Media Commission Director.



# Relationship and Capacity Building:

South Korea, Mongolia, and Vietnam

**A**s travel restrictions have been relaxed in many countries, the AEA General Secretary was able to visit several member alliances to reconnect, share vision and encourage Christian leaders to continue building the Kingdom of God in Asia.

## Fellowship and meeting with the leaders of Korean Evangelical Fellowship (KEF)

October 11, 2022



With **Chairman, Rev. Eewoo Choi**; **Dr. Bambang Budijanto**, **Liana Budijanto**, **Rev. Ok Gi Lee**; and **Rev. Paul Jung Kook Han**)

## Building Leadership and Organizational Capacity of the Mongolian Evangelical Alliance

October 17-23, 2022





At the MEA office in Ulaan Baatar, with:  
**Ps. Ganbat Ishkhoo**, MEA Supervisor;  
**Ps. Altantsooj Tsagaan-Owgon**, Chairman; and  
**Ms. Bolortuya Damdinjav**, AEA EXCO Member

## Meeting with AEA Newest Member: Vietnam Evangelical Alliance

October 24-26, 2022

Several conversations on building healthy National Evangelical Alliance with The Board of Vietnam Evangelical Alliance, and fellowship with some younger leaders.



Grateful to witness the unity, humility and passion of the leadership of Vietnam Evangelical Alliance with

**Rev. Ho Tan Khoa** – Chairman;  
**Rev. Huynh Huyen Vu** – 2nd Vice Chairman;  
**Rev. Le Quoc Huy** – General Secretary;  
**Rev. Lam Thien Loc** – Vice General Secretary;  
**Rev. Duong Thanh Lam** – Treasurer.



He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.

Deuteronomy 10:21 (NKJV)

WISHING YOU  
A VERY MERRY



**Christmas**

& A BLESSED  
NEW YEAR

May the unfailing grace of Christ accompany  
you throughout this Christmas season!

Peace and blessings,

**AEA EXCO**

Mr. Godrey Yogarajah

Bambang Budijanto, Ph.D.

Rev. Hisao James Tanabe

Rev. Dr. Manoch Jangmook

Ms. Bolortuya Damdinjav

Rev. Jung Kook Han

Mrs. May Pan Lynn

Rev. Vijayesh Lal

Rev. Ezekiel Tan



# ACML '40

An Intergenerational Consultation



Asia  
Evangelical  
Alliance



Asia Evangelical Alliance 40th  
Anniversary (1983–2023)

## Asian Church and Mission in The New Landscape

An Intergenerational Consultations  
and Prayers

COVID-19 further reveals that Asian Church and Mission are entering into a season in a new landscape. Asia Evangelical Alliance dedicates its 40th year of service to listen, inquire and capture what the Holy Spirit is doing with the church in Asia. Seven (7) Task Forces will be deployed to observe, study and discern the emerging expressions of the church and missions in Asia.

In **October 23-27, 2023, Asia Evangelical Alliance will host An Intergenerational Consultations and Prayers in SICC, Sentul, Indonesia.** Church and Mission leaders, Pastors, youth, women and marketplace leaders will learn, discuss, engage with what the Holy Spirit has revealed through the Task Forces. Leaders will listen to God and with one another as they usher the body of Christ in Asia entering into the new landscape.

As **Asia Evangelical Alliance (AEA)** celebrates 40 years of God's faithfulness and grace, we would like to invite you to be part of this movement. Save the date and join us in prayers for the works of the Task Forces and for the Intergenerational Consultations and Prayers.

# THE 7 TASK FORCES

## A

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1 Doing Church in the New Landscape

2 Mission in the New Landscape

3 Family/parenting (Children) Discipleship

4 Younger Generations

5 Market Place Leaders

6 Media and Technology

7 Leadership and Theological Education/Training

## B

### THE TASKS: DISCERNMENT THROUGH:



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1 Observe, Inquire, Study and Capture what the Lord is doing in any part of Asia, in the above Topics in the past 3-4 years (especially during Covid).

2 **Identify and describe any emerging movements or initiatives** (on or related to the 7 topics) marked by the finger prints of God (blessed/exponentially grew, expanded) in the past 3-4 years.

3 Evaluate the prevailing/existing movements/initiatives/practices (on the 7 topics), in the light of current (post covid) reality.



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## OUTCOMES



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- 1 A report or reports submitted to the Steering committee of the AEA 40th Anniversary Gathering by July 31, 2023
- 2 A Creative and Effective presentation at the Gathering in October 2023.
- 3 A refinement process through further elaboration with larger evangelical community during the Gathering (October 2023).
- 4 A recommendation of next steps to equip, support, and resource the church in Asia to operate successfully in the new landscape.

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## THE PROCESS



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- 1 Build the team, broad enough to cover all Asia and sharp enough to see and recognize a small emerging movement in any part of Asia.
- 2 Meet with the team for vision casting, setting goals and plans.
- 3 Implement the plans and monitor through regular zoom meeting.

## THE PROCESS

- 4 Create a broader community around the task force with other leaders who could contribute (add value to the process and outcomes) with feedback, insight and inputs through their rich experiences and deep knowledge related to the topic/theme.

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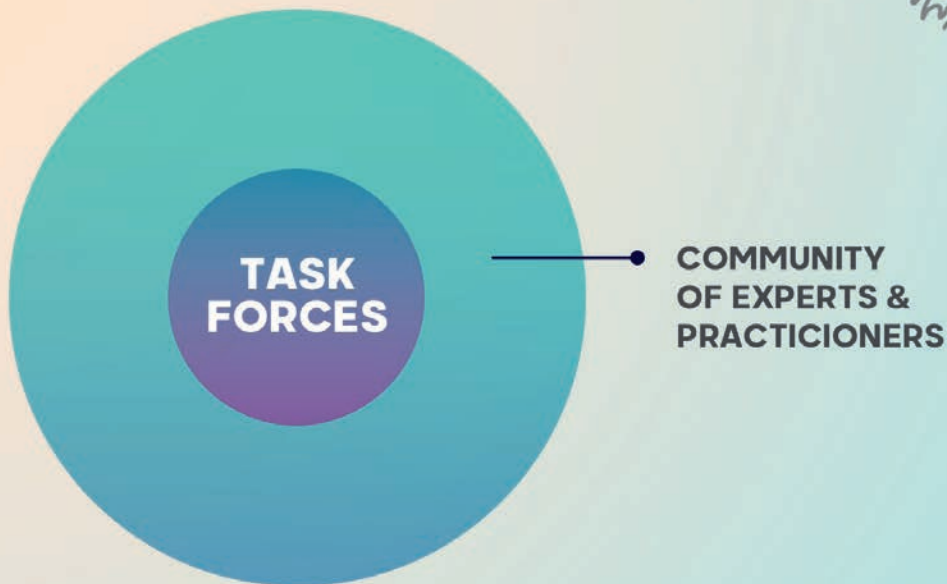
- 5 Update the ACML'40 Steering Committee on the progress and findings by May 31st 2023.

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- 6 Submit the Report to ACML'40 Steering Committee by July 31st. 2023.

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- 7 Reports will be edited and published for distribution at the ACML gathering in October 2023.



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An Intergenerational Consultation

**What does the new  
landscape look like and  
what are its implications  
on the church and its  
mission in Asia?**

**What is the  
Lord doing in  
Asia today?**

**How should we work  
together in the new  
landscape?**

**October 23–27, 2023**

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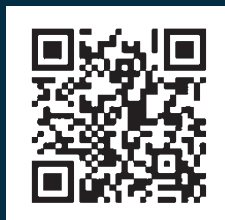
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