



Asian Ecumenical Institute -2022
‘God of Hope, Sustain Your Creation in Harmony’
19 September - 14 October 2022/ CCA Headquarters, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Background Information

The AEI, a month-long ecumenical formation training course organized annually by the CCA, focuses on ecumenical formation and leadership development of prospective Asian ecumenical and church leaders.

The theme of the AEI–2022 has been developed within the conceptual framework of wider ecumenism with a specific thematic focus on ***‘God of Hope, Sustain Your Creation in Harmony’***.

A team of prominent theologians and ecumenists with professional expertise at the international level will be the main resource persons.

Admissions will be limited to twenty participants, and selections will be based on competence, gender, and confessional balances, sub-regional representation, as well as the applicant’s ability to effectively communicate in English. The CCA member churches and councils are encouraged to recommend interested candidates to apply for the AEI–2022.

Theme: *‘God of Hope, Sustain Your Creation in Harmony’*

The COVID-19 pandemic situation has brought unprecedented changes in almost every aspect of life. It has changed how we work, learn and interact with others, leading all to a more virtual existence with technological advancement. However, it also widened inequality among the people while pushing millions of people to extreme poverty.

Being created in the image of God, we are called to be better stewards in the household of God to live in harmony with one another. God of hope wants the entire creation to live in harmony, even in the midst of our brokenness. God of hope sustains the whole creation reconciled, healed and to live in harmony. It is in this context that the AEI–2022 will focus on the theme ***‘God of Hope, Sustain Your Creation in Harmony’***.

The AEI will aim at:

- training a new group of young ecumenical leaders in Asia, from among men and women, laity, youth, clergy and theological students who are committed to the ecumenism;
- equipping prospective church and ecumenical leaders with theological, socio-political and practical skills and wider ecumenical vision, tools of analysis of Asian reality and development of leadership skills;
- enhancing their capacity to respond effectively to contemporary ecumenical challenges; and
- assisting participants to understand Asian and international ecumenical trends.

Who can apply?

- Men and women, pastors, theological students, church workers, and/or lay leaders belonging to CCA member churches, councils and other ecumenical networks;
- Persons ages between 25 to 35 years;
- Persons who are interested in widening their ecumenical perspectives and sharing their learnings when they return to their respective countries;

Applications

[Please download the application form.](#)

Please send applications to CCA along with the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae describing the applicant's ecumenical and church involvement
- Letter of recommendation from member church/ecumenical organization

Scholarship / Travel bursaries

The total cost for one student's participation at AEI-2022 for registration, board and lodging, and tuition fee will be 3600 USD and additional travel expenses. CCA will offer scholarships for deserving applicants to cover board and lodging expenses of selected participants. Limited travel grants also will be made available for candidates intending to join the course from South and South East Asian countries. Churches from South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia are encouraged to sponsor participants from their respective churches and pay travel costs.

Completed applications for the AEI-2022 should be submitted no later than 12 August 2022 through email: cca.aei@cca.org.hk