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To: The President of Episcopal Conference his Delegate  
The Person in Charge of Commission for Small Christian Communities (SCCs)/Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) and of SCCs/BECs National/Diocesan Teams

***Re: VII AsIPA General Assembly in Bangkok, Thailand from 22 to 28 October, 2015***

Greetings of peace in the Lord!

We are glad to announce that VII AsIPA General Assembly will be held in Bann Phu Waan Pastoral Training Center, Bangkok, Thailand from October 22 (Thur.) to 28 (Wed.), 2015 organized by the AsIPA (BEC) Desk of the Office of Laity & Family of the FABC and Thai National Team for Basic Ecclesial Communities. The theme is "Small Christian Communities/Basic Ecclesial Communities Living with People of Different Faiths and Beliefs". The theme is very timely, urgent and important in Asia and the world.

We hope those who have been responsible for fostering SCCs/BECs at national or diocesan level can participate in VII AsIPA General Assembly. AsIPA General Assemblies have been a forum for AsIPA practitioners to share their experiences, useful resource materials and deepen communion among participants to further the mission for SCCs/BECs.

In the particular theme of this assembly and relevant programme, it will contribute to enable SCCs/BECs to be open to respect, understand and learn from people of different faiths and beliefs. Furthermore, we expect it could help to find creative ways of bringing about greater peace and solidarity with people of different faiths and beliefs at the grass-roots in Asia.

The details of the VII AsIPA General Assembly are attached with an application form. We would appreciate your response and application form return by June 28, 2015.

Thank you so much for your collaboration and solidarity in Christ.

With cordial best regards,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Patrick D'Rozario, C.S.C.

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**VII AsIPA General Assembly**  
**FABC OLF AsIPA (BEC) Desk & BEC National Team of Thailand**  
**Bann Phu Waan Pastoral Training Center, Bangkok Thailand**  
**22 (Thur.) - 28 (Wed.) October, 2015**

**1. Dates**

- October 22 (Thur.) to 28th (Wed.), 2015 (7 days with arrival and departure);
  - Arrival on 22th October (by noon time at the airport in Bangkok, Thailand)
  - Departure on 28<sup>th</sup> October (after 12:30 pm followed by lunch onwards)

**2. Venue**

- Bann Phu Waan Pastoral Training Center, Bangkok, Thailand  
(2/4 Moo 6, Petkasem Rd., Tha Kham, Sam Phran, Nakhonpathom 73110 Thailand)

**3. Theme and Objectives**

- Theme: SCCs/BECs Living with People of Different Faiths and Beliefs
  
- **General Objectives**
  - a. To be a forum for AsIPA practitioners to share their experiences
  - b. To deepen communion among all SCCs/BECs leaders to further the mission
  - c. To identify resource materials found useful in building SCCs/BECs in different countries
  
- **Specific Objectives**
  - d. To discover the source of our inspiration for peace and solidarity in the Word and Eucharist.
  - e. To enable SCCs/BECs to bear witness to people of different faiths and beliefs.
  - f. To enable SCCs/BECs to be open to respect, understand and learn from people of different faiths and beliefs.
  - g. To find creative ways of bringing about greater peace and solidarity with people of different faiths and beliefs.

**4. Participants and Registration**

- Total Number of Participants: 150 persons (Full time participants)
  - 110 overseas + 30 Local (Thailand) + 10 resource persons
- Criteria for Participation
  - This is an AsIPA General Assembly and all those working for the participatory Church through SCCs/BECs are welcome.
  - Delegations coming should comprise National, Regional and / or Diocesan Teams who work with SCCs/BECs and the Bishops in charge. Kindly pay attention to bring women and youth who are part of the team with at least three years' experience.
- Registration
  - Applications should be sent to AsIPA desk through the national or diocesan SCCs/BECs team within the country by June 28, 2015 at the latest.

**5. Fee / Expenses**

- Tiered Registration Fee (per participant)
  - Full Registration Fee: 350 USD
  - Subsidized Registration Fee: 250 USD
  - Subsidized Minimum Registration Fee: 200 USD
- Any reimbursement or subsidies will have to be requested through the national/diocesan SCCs/BECs team within the country. AsIPA desk will negotiate it with the coordinator of the national/diocesan SCCs/BECs team before confirmation of application.

- Kindly those in need try to get some financial help from the local and funding agencies for your participation to VII AsIPA GA.

#### **6. Visa**

- The local organizing team of Thailand will inform the visa application process later for those who apply.

#### **7. Preparation**

- Recommendation and Guideline for country/diocese report to VII AsIPA GA will be provided in May.
- Further information will be sent to you in due time once your application is received.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions and concerns, please do not hesitate to contact AsIPA (BEC) Desk (email: [asipa.fabc@gmail.com](mailto:asipa.fabc@gmail.com)).

Thank you so much.

**APPLY NOW. APPLICATION FORM ATTACHED**