



INTERNATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES

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A REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES

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The second and third International Training Institutes for World Churchmen in Asia took place on the campus of the University of Hong Kong and at the YWCA Center, Ootacamund, Tamilnadu, India. These Institutes were significant steps forward in the growth and transformation of the Church in Asia. They captured the excitement and hope for the future of the church engendered by the First International Training Institute, held in Singapore in 1969. Over 200 churchmen from diverse cultures, nations and denominations came together to acquire training in methods for teaching, serving, and developing church leadership in their respective local communities. The delegates came from as far north as Sendai, Japan, as far south as Melbourne, Australia, as far west as Karachi, West Pakistan, and as far east as Apia, Samoa. These International Training Institutes were conceived by the Ecumenical Institute in response to the insistence of large numbers of these churchmen that practical training, like that offered by the Institute in the United States, was sorely needed in Asia.

The curriculum incorporated three major areas of emphasis: formal studies, practical training and spirit nurture. The formal curriculum contained fourteen courses, nine of these dealing with sociology and theology, and the other five focusing on religious, social, and educational methods. The intent of the practical training was two-fold. First, it enabled the delegates to develop teaching skills for the educational task in their local churches, and secondly, equipped them with the methods and skills necessary for taking responsibility for their local communities and parishes. To accomplish this, pedagogical laboratories, practice teaching sessions, and social reformulation workshops were conducted. The spirit nurture dimension of the program concerned itself with the development of disciplined Christian community and spiritual depth. These were facilitated by the division of delegates into small units in which the mutual care of members and practical daily chores were worked out. Delegates also met in larger groups for three evening meals each week to delve into the meaning of genuine Christian community for effective service. Also an integral part of the curriculum were such things as the decor, the weekly and daily time designs, the cultural events, and participation in Sunday morning worship in local churches in the community.

Cosmopolitan Hong Kong, a central meeting point of East and West, provided a global milieu in which delegates could move beyond national identifications to wrestle with the issues facing them as Asian Churchmen. Surrounded by maps, murals, art forms, and symbols expressing their unique cultural gifts and their commonality as Asians, they engaged in practical training, developing their teaching skills and community reformulation tools. Members of three Chinese-speaking local congregations served as hosts and shared their practical insights gained in two years teaching RS-1 in Chinese and working in a resettlement area in Hong Kong. The work rhythm was broken with such events as exploration of Hong Kong, a cultural festival in which the delegates shared with each other the uniqueness of their food, music, dance, and drama, and Sunday morning worship in various Chinese Christian churches. They returned to their thirteen nations and local communities equipped with new methods and renewed dedication for carrying on the work of re-education and reformulation, but also with a broader vision of unity for SEAPAC and a vision of brotherhood with local churchmen worldwide.

'How can we accomplish all that the Church must do in our time?' was the underlying cry of the International Training Institute in Ootacamund, Tamilnadu, India. While this was not a new cry for many of these churchmen, its context shifted. It became clear to each participant that the goal of renewing the Church could be accomplished only by total commitment of ones life to that task. Having made this decision, they worked long hours to increase their practical and pedagogical skills. Working corporately they were able to accomplish more than they expected. Especially significant to them were the documents they compiled in workshops. Long hours were spent, in addition to the scheduled time, working on concrete plans for their local congregations; and uncounted hours in the night were spent preparing lectures and lesson plans in order to increase their pedagogical skills. Out of this kind of depth involvement in training and planning, the delegates gained a new sense of their Asian culture and Christian heritage, and a dedication to enabling Asia discover her destiny in tomorrow's world.

As the Institutes evolved, the delegates became increasingly vocal about the need for a continuing program of training, and in the final week laid demands on the staff and resources of the Ecumenical Institute for follow-up work in South-East Asia and the subcontinent. It was clear to the faculty that their demands must be given the highest priority. Specifically, they have requested help in three areas. They want the opportunity for practice teaching in courses in their own locales and regions, under the guidance of experienced teachers. Secondly, they have requested the assistance of on-the-spot consultants who can help them begin their own parish reformulation work. Finally, they see the need for advisory assistance in creating the area and regional structures through which the re-education and reformulation of the Church in any particular area can take place. Several steps need to be taken over the next three quarters if these things are to happen. First, faculty members who taught in the Institutes need to remain in South-East Asia and the subcontinent to conduct further courses and provide consultative assistance to graduates of the ITI's of Singapore, Hong Kong, and Ootacamund, India, as well as other Asian Churchmen. These faculty members will be joined by nine more staff members from the United States; these assignments are dependent on further funding. Second, a special conference will be conducted in February, 1971, for clergy and lay-course graduates focusing on practical procedures for transforming the local church. Another consultation will be held in February, 1971, to finalize the plans for the Summer Institutes to be held in May, 1971, and to develop curriculum, recruitment plans and further pedagogical training for indigenous teachers.

PARTICIPANT LOCATION AND PARTICIPATING DENOMINATIONS

HONG KONG I. T. I. 1970

INDIA I. T. I. 1970

| NORTH ASIA | | PACIFIC ASIA | |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| SEOUL 7 | KWANJU 1 | LOLONIA 2 | APIA 3 |
| SENDAI 4 | TOKYO 5 | SUVA 1 | NUKUALOFA 1 |
| OSAKA 6 | KITA KYUSHU 3 | PERTH 2 | SYDNEY 3 |
| KOWLOON 12 | HONG KONG 4 | MELBOURNE 4 | DARWIN 3 |
| EAST ASIA | | SOUTH ASIA | |
| TARLAC 2 | QUEZON CITY 8 | KARACHI 5 | CHIANG MAI 3 |
| MANILA 12 | CAVITE CITY 2 | BANGKOK 1 | PENANG 4 |
| JOGJOKARTA 7 | MEDAN 2 | KUALA LUMPUR 5 | KOTA KINABALU 2 |
| MANADO 3 | DJAKARTA 7 | KUCHING 1 | SINGAPORE 2 |

| INDIA | |
|-------------|-------------|
| NORTH 12 | EAST 13 |
| WEST 27 | SOUTH 27 |
| KENYA 1 | |

DENOMINATIONS

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| ANGLICAN |
| C. I. P. B. C. |
| C. S. I. |
| LUTHERAN |
| METHODIST |
| PRESBYTERIAN |
| ROMAN CATHOLIC |
| T. E. L. C. |
| U. C. N. I. |
| UNION CHURCH |
| BAPTIST |

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

---Hong Kong---

INCOME OVERSEAS

Total: \$13,600

Japan---Individuals
Indonesia---Individuals
Angelic Church of Australia
Methodist Church of Manila, Phillipines
United Church of Karachi, West Pakistan
Hong Kong Community Church
United Church of Canada---Korea
Roman Catholic Archdiocese, Manila, Phillipines
Registration Fees

SUPPORTING INCOME

Total: \$24,500

American Baptist Board of Missions
Lutheran Church of American
United Methodist Board of Missions
U.S.A.---Individuals

Hong Kong ITI TOTAL: \$38,100

---India---

INCOME OVERSEAS

Total: \$ 4,400

India---Individuals
Singapore, 1969, ITI Grads
American Church of India
St. Mark's Church, Bangalore, India
Methodist Church Conference, Bombay, India---Bishop Joshi
Roman Catholic Diocese, Poona, India---Bishop Gomes
United Church of India---Alexander Johns
D. T. Niles Memorial
Registration Fees

SUPPORTING INCOME

TOTAL: \$ 6,400

American Baptist Church
Lutheran Church of America
United Methodist Board of Missions
U.S.A.---Individuals

India ITI TOTAL: \$10,800

ITI INCOME 1970

TOTAL: \$48,900

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE
EXPENDITURES

| Hong Kong | per participant | total |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Travel | \$215.00 | \$27,950.00 |
| Stipends | 29.00 | 3,770.00 |
| Room and Board | 120.80 | 15,704.00 |
| Course Material | 11.45 | 1,488.50 |
| Staff Travel | 62.30 | 8,099.00 |
| TOTAL | \$438.55 | \$57,011.50 |

| India | per participant | total |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Travel | \$103.00 | \$8,240.00 |
| Stipends | 36.00 | 2,880.00 |
| Room and Board | 70.00 | 5,600.00 |
| Course Material | 16.40 | 1,312.00 |
| Staff Travel | 66.60 | 5,328.00 |
| TOTAL | \$292.00 | \$23,360.00 |

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| TOTAL INCOME | \$48,900.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$80,371.00 |
| DEFICIT | -\$31,471.50 |

THE FUTURE

Out of the overwhelming demands of the ITI's comes the imperative to assign existing staff to another year with increased responsibilities, as well as assigning additional families at the cost of \$4,200.00 per family per year.

| SEAPAC | | | | SUBCONTINENT |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EAST ASIA | SOUTHEAST ASIA | AUSTRALIA | PACIFICA | INDIA |
| <p>TOKYO</p> <p><i>Justin Morrill</i> <i>Dolores Morrill</i></p> | <p>MANILA</p> <p><i>David McCleskey</i> <i>Donna McCleskey</i></p> | <p>PERTH</p> <p><i>David Morton</i> <i>Betsy Morton</i></p> | <p>MARSHALL ISLANDS</p> <p><i>John Oyler</i> <i>Marilyn Oyler</i></p> | <p>BOMBAY</p> <p><i>Robert Fishel</i> <i>Judy Fishel</i> <i>George Walters</i> <i>Carol Walters</i></p> |
| <p>SEOUL</p> <p><i>Vance Engleman</i></p> | <p>KUALA LUMPUR</p> <p><i>Kjell Knutsen</i> <i>Marge Knutsen</i></p> | <p>MELBOURNE</p> <p><i>Joseph Crocker</i> <i>Marilyn Crocker er</i> <i>Kaye Hayes</i></p> | <p>CAROLINE ISLANDS</p> <p><i>Stan Bahner</i> <i>Barbara Bahner</i></p> | <p>DELHI</p> <p><i>(Assignment Pending)</i></p> |
| <p>TAIPAN</p> <p><i>Joseph Hsu</i></p> | <p>SINGAPORE</p> <p><i>Don Clark</i> <i>Christina Clark</i></p> | <p>DARWIN</p> <p><i>George Holcombe</i> <i>Wanda Holcombe</i> <i>Russ Campbell</i></p> | <p>TONGA</p> <p><i>(Assignment Pending)</i></p> | <p>CALCUTTA</p> <p><i>(Assignment Pending)</i></p> |
| <p>HONG KONG</p> <p><i>Robert Vance</i> <i>Cynthia Vance</i></p> | <p>DJAKARTA</p> <p><i>Rob Work</i> <i>Mary Work</i></p> | <p>SYDNEY</p> <p><i>Jim Bishop</i> <i>Isobel Bishop</i> <i>Rod Rippel</i> <i>Elsie Rippel</i></p> | <p>WESTERN SAMOA</p> <p><i>Douglas Curts</i> <i>Joel Radford</i> <i>Betsy Radford</i></p> | <p>MADRAS</p> <p><i>(Assignment Pending)</i></p> |