Training in Mission 2015
Program Brief

Since 1981, the Council for World Mission (CWM) has been investing in the equipping of young people for the ministry and mission of its member churches. Through the Training in Mission (TIM) Programme, 10-12 young people from the churches and ecumenical partners are brought together for 10 months of intensive mission training. The pedagogical process of the Programme is the action-reflection model of learning. Over 350 young people have so far been changed for life with a new practical and radical understanding of what witnessing to Christ means. In every church TIM participants are to be seen as living expressions of CWM's understanding of partnership in mission.

THE AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The aims of the Training in Mission Programme are to:

- provide a training for life.
    o It is intended to be a stage in Christian formation which helps each participant in a life–long involvement with the mission of the church.

- offer training which provides:
    o wider vision;
    o deepened commitment;
    o a strengthened sense of fellowship and partnership with other Christians around the world, particularly through CWM churches.

Though initiated three decades ago, CWM is constantly refining the content and methodology of the Training in Mission. However, we wish to reiterate the following at the very outset.

- Though the title uses the phrase training, the Programme is aimed at formation, the formation is for life. In other words, recognizing the locus of mission as the 'public space', TIM is a learning process of enabling participants discover perspectives and develop skills for a life of witnessing.
- TIM is an enabling experience. Enable participants for an adventure of faith, rooted in God and enacted in the world.
- TIM is a journey of Transformation, a dialectic of self and society.

TRANSFORMATION AS THE PARADIGM

The pedagogical model of TIM will include:

- Affirming the concept of building capacities for the churches. This is in keeping with the mission statement of CWM.
- Enhancing the scope for the church's public witness. Thus, while affirming the commitment to be in solidarity with the churches, the TIM will carve out a niche of

enabling and empowering young people to explore a witness as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of the church, in the wider society.
- Practicing the Theology statement of CWM which reflects a critique and resistance on the one hand and an affirmation on the other. It is centered on a cosmic world view and rooted in a Christology that is liberative.

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS

Participants in the Training in Mission should:

- Be 18 to 30 years old at the start of the Programme, single, and not an ordained minister
- Be able to spend ten (10) months away from home
- Be an active member of a CWM member church, as well as committed to serve the church upon return
- Have either paid or volunteer experience and/or involvement in project work or secular NGO programs
- Preferably completed high school and/or advanced trainings
- Be interested in exploring mission issues in an international and multicultural context
- Be able to relate well with others and mature enough to cope with stress
- Be proficient in English, as this is the main language of communication

APPLICATION AND SELECTION

1. All CWM member churches are encouraged to nominate a maximum of four (4) participants, two (2) males and two (2) females, for the Training in Mission. Applications should be endorsed by the General Secretary or Church Moderator of the sending church, following its respective internal selection process.
2. Ecumenical partner organisations are also encouraged to nominate participants.
3. Duly accomplished applications must be submitted to CWM at (e-mail): *empowerment@cwmission.org* or hard copy at (address): *Empowerment and Training, Council for World Mission, 400 Orchard Road, #23-05 Orchard Towers, Singapore 238875* on or before **30 September 2014**. Late and/or incomplete application forms will not be processed.
4. All the applications will be processed by the CWM Empowerment and Training unit, ensuring the maintenance of balance in gender and regional representation in the Programme. Progress and other pertinent details will be reported to the CWM Council Meeting every year.
5. Upon notification, the selected participants are expected to process their passport and visa requirements, if necessary.