



# World Student Christian Federation Asia Pacific Region (WSCF-AP)

## Newsletter July 2022

*Rejoice in Hope*

37<sup>th</sup>  
WSCF  
General  
Assembly

127<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

World Student Christian Federation

# General Assembly 2022

BERLIN, GERMANY 23 June – 1 July

Young People, Journeying Together  
Towards Justice and Peace

*Rejoice in Hope*

*Romans 12:12*

# GREETINGS

Dear friends of WSCF-AP,

Greetings from WSCF-AP regional office.

Time flies! Half of the 2022 has gone but COVID-19 is still with us. Many of the countries have been lifted the travel restrictions and social distancing rules in the beginning of this summer, while some countries in Asia Pacific are still keeping relatively strict rules. With this travel convenience and low COVID-19 cases, WSCF 37th General Assembly is successfully finished in Berlin, Germany from 23 to 30 June.

Despite the COVID-19 difficulties, SCMs are still working in many different ways with many issues in their contexts. This issue of the newsletter is sharing some highlights of SCMs activities and indeed, we are still concerning the situation of Myanmar SCM. There are updates on working with ecumenical partners and regional office in Hong Kong.

After the 37th Berlin GA, there will be a new page and new challenges for WSCF. We are asking you to support and pray continuously for the federation, the region and the SCMs.

Peace,

*Rejoice in Hope*

Fanny CHUNG

WSCF Regional Executive for Asia-Pacific



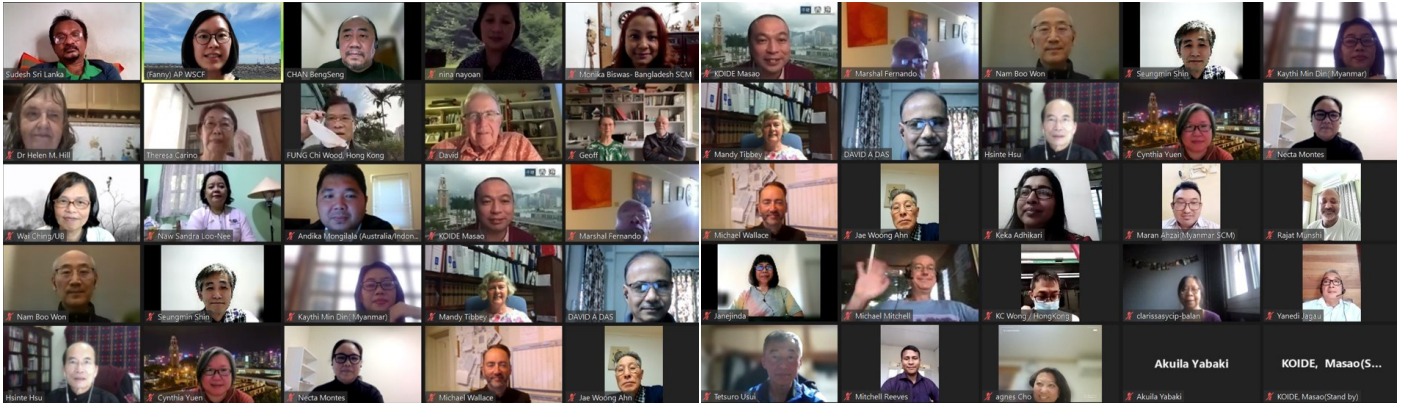
Current Global Staff team: (L to R) Regional Executive for Africa, Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia-Pacific and Europe, General Secretary, Finance Officer and Communication officer. Picture taken at Berlin GA.

BERLIN, 2022

# ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

## WSCF AP Senior friends Virtual gathering

12 February 2022, ZOOM



WSCF-AP held a senior friends virtual gathering on 12 February. 50 senior friends from the region joined the two-hour gathering by ZOOM. In December 2021, few senior friends suggested to have an online gathering to reconnect with many of the senior friends in the region. The online gathering started with an opening prayer by former WSCF-AP regional secretary Dr. Ahn Jae-woong. Friends were arranged into seven small groups for SCM/WSCF experience sharing, after that an overall WSCF global and regional update was given by the Regional Staff Fanny Chung and feedbacks from the big group. The virtual gathering ended with a prayer by Sri Lankan senior friend Marshal Fernando. It was a good time to hear all the stories from different generations, interact and reconnect each other.

WSCF-AP has formed a senior friends network called *Network of SCM Senior Friends in Asia-Pacific (NESCAP)* many years ago and we are now trying to reactivate it. If you would like to stay in touch with WSCF-AP, please look for the page on Facebook by searching **NESCAP** (<http://facebook.com/wscfnescap>)



**Network of SCM Senior Friends in Asia Pacific- NESCAP**

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Send Message

Hi! Please let us know how we can help.

# ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

## WSCF 37th General Assembly 23– 30 June 2022 Berlin, Germany



WSCF successfully held the 37<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA) in Berlin, Germany, from 23- 30 June 2022. This Berlin GA was postponed for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Altogether around 70 people (delegates, senior friends, ExCo, officers, staff and guests) participated in this GA. There were 8 delegates from AP region (Australia, Bangladesh, Korea, India, Indonesia, New Zealand and Philippines) joining in person and Taiwan delegate joining virtually. Two online pre-meetings conducted on 27 May and 14 June to give orientation to AP delegates and do preparations before going to Berlin.

AP region also collaborated with Canada SCM on the regional worship (Gender justice) and also throughout the Assembly. AP delegates participated in different committees, workshops and worships, interacted with other regions' delegates. Proposals of public issue and resolution from two national movements in the region are passed: one from Myanmar on their democracy movement and one from the Philippines on the current Marcos-Duterte regime. Another two proposals related to LGBTQIA also passed in the assembly that both are proposed by Canada, Aotearoa/New Zealand and the Philippines SCM.

*Recommendation: Increased Inclusion of LGBTQIA Participants in the WSCF General Assembly*

*Resolutions: Respect Democracy and Human Rights! Stand with Myanmar People!*

*Public issue: Denounce Rodrigo Duterte for his crime against humanity! Resist the newly-installed Marcos-Duterte regime! And,*

*WSCF statement on violence against transgender and non-binary peoples*

WSCF-AP would like to give thanks to all the delegates, national movements and senior friends in the region who had given different support to the region participating in this Berlin GA.

Here is the official GA message and other related news:

<https://www.wscf.ch/37th-ga-2022-berlin/assembly-resources/reports-messages>

# HIGHLIGHTS of Berlin GA

## WSCF 37th General Assembly 23– 30 June 2022 Berlin, Germany



Meeting friends from different countries

L: Preparation for Regional worship with Canada SCM R: Regional Worship for Gender justice and Thursday in Black campaign



L: Business session R: Women Pre-meeting



L: Exposure to Germany Parliament R: WSCF 127th Anniversary Celebration



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# SCM HIGHLIGHTS



## Australia SCM and Bangladesh SCM

**Virtual Webinar: Peacemaking # Our Responsibility**

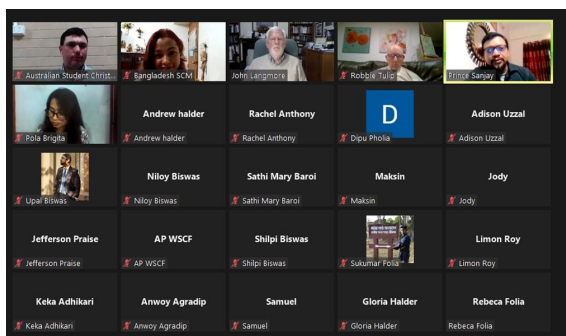
Date: February 25, 2022, Friday  
03:00 PM to 04:00 PM (BDT),  
07:00pm to 08:00 PM (Brisbane-time)

Speaker: Senior Friend & Student from ASCM & BDSCM

Webinar link:  
Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88519581522?pwd=b1vaajkKbG52bEgwNUxabS9pQV01QT09>  
Meeting ID: 885 1958 1522  
Passcode: 149872



Jointly Organized by  
Australian Student Christian Movement (ASCM) &  
Bangladesh Student Christian Movement (BDSCM)



Australia and Bangladesh SCM (ASCM and BSCM) co-hosted a webinar on the theme 'Peacemaking #Our Responsibility' on 25 February 2022. Senior friend from ASCM, John Langmore, Pola Brigita Chairperson of Bangladesh SCM Kulna Unit, Rachel Anthony and Jody, students from ASCM, Prince Sanjay, former General Secretary of BSCM had given sharings about what we can do for peace and why we should be waging peace. If you also want to watch their webinar, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eK0gbBbwYFI>



## Bangladesh SCM



Bangladesh SCM(BSCM) held their 26th Central Assembly at Retreat-cum Conference Centre Church of Bangladesh, from 20 to 22 April 2022 with the theme 'Hope in the Lord will renew the strength'. This assembly was the first national program after two years affected by COVID-19 pandemic. Altogether 90 participants joined this three-day program with bible studies, orientation of WSCF and SCM, inter-generation sharing and business sessions. New leadership also elected, particularly woman leadership is reflected in the new team. The very first woman Chairperson in the 65-year history of BSCM, Ms. Daisy Roy is elected together with 9 (out of 15) executive committee members are women. Congratulations to BSCM with the new leadership and successful program.



# Working with Ecumenical Partners

## Meeting with United Church of Canada (UCC)



An online meeting arranged on 22 March 2022 with Patti Talbot from the United Church of Canada (UCC). Fanny Chung, the regional staff gave updates and sharing to UCC and to look for more collaboration in the future. UCC has been supporting the AP region for many years with yearly funds and some emergency fund from time to time. We would like to express our thanks to UCC and Patti for the continuous support.

## Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF) Youth Webinar

The poster for the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF) Youth Webinar features a central image of a lit candle in a white holder. The text on the poster includes the TEF logo and name in both English and Chinese, the webinar title 'The Neo-Cold War: The Resurgence of the Geopolitics of Global Empires in (North) East Asia', the date '26 April 2022', and the time '8 PM (GMT+8) Taiwan time'. Below this, four circular portraits of the panelists are shown, each with their name and affiliation.

**Taiwan Ecumenical Forum** 台灣普世論壇

**Youth Webinar on:**

**The Neo-Cold War:  
The Resurgence of the Geopolitics of Global Empires in (North) East Asia**

**Date: 26 April 2022**  
**Time: 8 PM (GMT+8) Taiwan time**

**Panelists:**

- A-Young Moon**  
PEACEMOMO  
Representative and Peace  
Education Facilitator
- Nonoka Kuze**  
UCCJ Sapporo  
Hokubu Church  
Sapporo Centre for  
Gender Equality
- Bin-Jou Liao**  
Ph.D. Candidate in  
Political Science at  
National Taiwan  
University
- Sippachai Kunnuwong**  
Communications  
Associate at Fortify Rights  
Former news  
correspondent with AFP  
and BBC Thai

WSCF is a part of the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF). TEF had a webinar on 'The Neo-Cold War: The Resurgence of the Geopolitics of Global Empires in (North) East Asia' on December 2021. Fanny Chung, the regional staff joined and suggested to have a webinar includes young people's voices. The suggestion is accepted and TEF invites WSCF to coordinate a youth webinar on the same theme with voices of youth. The youth webinar took place on 26 April 2022 and four young panellists from different backgrounds are invited to speak their understanding of the current geopolitical situation and peacebuilding in the region. Monika Biswas, General Secretary of Bangladesh SCM, representing WSCF, was one of the moderators of the webinar.

## HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE UPDATES



The Standing Committee (SC) have made the decision on the regional office relocation after discussions and seeking advice from senior friends and ecumenical partners. Considering the current political situation in Hong Kong is no longer favourable for the regional office to be operated, therefore the administrative relocation is made, from Hong Kong to Jakarta, Indonesia. Thank you for the support from Indonesia SCM (GMKI) and now the registration is in process with the help of GMKI. We are expecting the administration relocation will be happening in the last quarter of this year.

The Hong Kong office was also renovated in the first quarter of this year with the support of senior friends and ecumenical partners. All the documents of WSCF-AP transferred to a storage in Hong Kong. Two units of Hong Kong office are just now all rented out.

## WSCF-AP WEBSITE RE-OPEN



[Who we are](#) - [Our Work](#) - [News and Updates](#) - [Support Us](#) - [Contact Us](#)



The official website of WSCF-AP is re-opened! The website is still many things to be added on and updated. Please go and have a look and we are welcoming any comments and advices.

<http://wscfasiapacific.org>

## SPECIAL THANKS TO

### **Supporting AP region participating in 37th Berlin GA:**

Ahn Jae Woong, Wong Wai Ching, Anonymous senior friend and Australia SCM . Also thanks to those SCMs and senior friends who support the airfares, visa fee and registrations fee of your delegates.

### **Supporting SCMs:**

KSCF is supporting Myanmar SCM

Australia is supporting Bangladesh SCM

### **Supporting the regional office:**

United Church of Canada (UCC) and International Ministries (IM)

SCMHK senior friends giving advice on administrative work

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

WSCF-AP needs your financial support on the relocation and SCM activities in the coming year. We also need your support especially for Myanmar SCM in order for them to continue the work with students. You can send your donation to the bank below and inform us via email: [wscfapfanny@gmail.com](mailto:wscfapfanny@gmail.com) after you made a donation to us.

Thank you so much in advance for your support to WSCF-AP!

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