

Editorial

This edition of *CTC Bulletin* is the second of a two-part series on the Fifth Congress of Asian Theologians (CATS V) held in August 2006 in Hong Kong with the theme, “Sharing Hope for a New World”. It contains some of the papers that were shared at the discipline groups that met during the congress. Discipline groups enabled participants to meet, share, and update with colleagues from their own fields. The discipline groups also became a venue for participants to share their current research or interest.

The following discipline groups were identified prior to the fifth congress, along with their assigned facilitators: Contextual Theologies, Anri Morimotu (Japan); Biblical Studies, Archie Lee (Hong Kong); Religion and Gender, Namsoon Kang (Korea); Christian Ethics, Fr. Vimal Tirimanna (Sri Lanka); Religious Education, Samson Prabhakar (India); Mission and Culture, Keum Jooseop (Korea/UK—Council for World Mission); History of Christianity, Fr. Soosai Arokiasamy (India); Ecumenism, Wati Longchar (India); Homiletics and Liturgics, Yangrae Son (Australia).

The papers that are now contained in this edition were papers that participants used as discussion starters, case studies, or research updates. There were of course more papers presented than what are now contained in this edition. The papers published herein are those that were finalized or updated after the congress and which the participants themselves offered for publication.

The meeting of discipline groups is a regular feature or component of the congress. During the fifth congress, the Biblical Studies group met not only for sharing and update but also for planning to become a Society of Asian Biblical Studies (SABS), an organization that was inaugurated on 26 August.

The matter of discipline groups however was critiqued by a number of participants who felt the need for a more interdisciplinary approach to theological reflection on the congress theme. These participants who have interests in more than one discipline group feel that they cannot stick to only one group but would rather be in several groups. This is something that has to be looked at by the next Continuation Committee that is planning for the sixth congress.

The fifth congress elected the following members of the Continuation Committee for the sixth congress: Anna May Say Pa (Myanmar) and Heup Young Kim (Korea), co-moderators; Yangrae Son (Australia); Hannah Chen (Taiwan); Kiyoshi Seko (Japan); Limuel Equina (Philippines); and Thomas Tangaraj (India/USA), from Asians in diaspora.

Other members of the committee are heads or representatives of the founding organizations, namely: Sr. Clemens Mendonca, Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences; Samson Prabhakar, BTE-SSC/SATHRI; Sientje Merentek-Abram, Association for Theological Education in South East Asia; Huang Po Ho, Programme for Theologies and Cultures in Asia; A Wati Longchar, CCA-WCC Ecumenical Theological Education; and Hope Antone, CCA-FMU.

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