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## TO ALL Church Leaders in Asia Region

- 1. BNKP, Rev. Tuhoni Telaumbanua, Ephorus
- 2. CRC, Elder Ka Keung Chan, Chairperson
- 3. GBKP, Rev. Agustinus Purba, Chairperson
- 4. GKPPD, Rev. Elson Lingga, Bishop
- 5. GPKB, Rev. Ramses Pandiangan, Ephorus
- 6. GKPA, Rev. Togar Simatupang, Ephorus
- 7. GKPI, Rev. Oloan Pasaribu, Bishop
- 8. GKPS, Rev. Rumanja Purba, Ephorus
- 9. GKPM, Rev. Panulis Saguntung, Ephorus
- 10. HKBP, Rev. Darwin Lumbantobing, Ephorus
- 11. HKI, Rev. Manjalo Hutabarat, Ephorus
- 12. GKJTU, Rev. Heru Purwanta, Chairperson
- 13. GKJW, Rev. Tjondro Gardjito, Chairperson
- 14. GKITP, Rev. Albert Yoku, Chairperson
- 15. MCSL, Rev. Asiri P. Perera, President
- 16. UCCP, Bishop Reuel Norman O. Marigza, General Secretary

Dear Honorable Church Leaders,

## Greetings from Asia Department - Medan Office!

May this letter serve as a formal invitation for "Pastor for Peace" at GKJTU-LPPL (Noble Character Center) Kopeng, Central Java, Indonesia, on 14-23 November 2016. The focus for this year's program will be on religious radicalism in the point of view of Islam and Christians.

The "Pastors for peace" program is to assist and raise awareness of pastors who are engage in peacemaking ministry. We intend to do the following:

- 1. To equip with vital information on topics related to religious radicalism and new trends on radicalism in three regions; and, skills in conflict management, fact-finding and documentation.
- 2. To train pastors in building and sustaining positive relationships to enhance their personal integrity, reduce violence and foster mutual respect in a context of diversity and pluralistic community.
- 3. To deepen their commitment/call in doing peacemaking as a ministry.

## OUTPUT:

Therefore, it is expected that after the training, the pastors will able to facilitate trainings and make plans of action on peacemaking in their own congregations and/or communities; and, actively participate in peace advocacy and conflict transformation in their own churches and communities.

As a guideline, the following should be observed in selecting the participants:

- a) We ask each church to send one participant or nominee.
- b) Within the age limit of between 31 years old until 50 years old
- c) Ability to communicate in English (speak & write)
- d) Possess a one-year valid Passport (November 2017)
- e) Endorsed by the Church Leader (Ephorus/President/Moderator/Bishop)
- f) Committed to take part at the beginning and the end of the program.
- g) A person who is actively engaged in peace-making ministry and has possibility or position to implement plans on peace building activities or training in their respective churches.
- h) Each participant will write about their experience on religious radicalism/sociocultural conflict in context of their community.
- i) Participants will have to prepare a 10-15 minute sermon about peace (for Indonesians Bahasa Indonesia and for non-Indonesians English)

For more information, please find the attached Term of Reference (ToR), which includes the Daily Schedule. The travel and accommodation costs of the participants will be shouldered by UEM. Please understand that NO "pocket money" will be given.

It is requested that the NAME of your recommended participant will be known or received by the Medan Office not later than October 30, 2016. Attached is the participant's Application Form to be filled up by the church or participant and should be returned to us.

Please send the application to Rev. Homar Rubert R. Distajo: <a href="mailto:uem.ojp.medan@gmail.com/uem.medanoffice@gmail

Should you need further information or any assistance, please feel free to contact the Medan Office or email us through the above email addresses.

Thank you very much for our continued cooperation in God's mission as pursued under the auspices of the United Evangelical Mission (UEM) in these critical times.

Looking forward for your positive response on this invitation.

God bless you!

Sincerely,

Rev. Petrus Sugito

Deputy Executive Secretary in Asia Region