

Report for CCM news

Asian Church Women's Conference meetings

The Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC) is an ecumenical movement among the Asian Church Women. It presently has nineteen member countries and Malaysia is one of them. The CCM Women's Work Committee is the national liaison committee for ACWC.

ACWC held its 3rd Executive Committee meeting and the 2nd General committee meeting of the 15th Quadrennium from 16th to 25th May 2016, in Taipei, Taiwan. Mary Thomas Mathew who is Malaysia's representative and ACWC vice-president attended these meetings.

There was a forum from 20th to 22nd May. The ACWC delegates together with twelve young women from Taiwan attended the forum. The theme of the forum was "*Formation and Revitalization of Asian Church Women's Ecumenical Movement.*" The forum topics were Update on Justice Issues for the Ecumenical Movement in Taiwan and East Asia; Ecumenical Women's Movement and Beyond in Taiwan's context; and Asian Church Women's Ecumenical Movement in the Future. There was a bible study on the topic, "What is Ecumenism and Ecumenical Movement for Asian Church Women? The text was taken from Matthew 15: 21- 28.

Speaker Hsiu-Chuan Lin, Executive Committee Member, Mission 21ASF called all women from all corners to participate in the ecumenical movement. She stressed that women need certain requirements in order to do a better ministry in the ecumenical movement. She said women need to be well educated and well equipped in order to do a better service for other women. She also needs to be empowered and know how to empower other women who are less experienced or less advantaged than us. Women need to learn to be good decision makers and make good action plans. They also need to learn to make good strategies in order to bring changes to society. Concrete and practical methods and procedures are necessary to fulfill visions. Women need to learn to network and collaborate with each other especially for international projects

We are reminded not to forget that the ecumenical movement itself is God's own mission, to witness all of us uniting in Him as "One".

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