APBF Mission Consultation

2nd & 3rd September 2022 Global Mission Church, Bundang, South Korea

RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the APBF Mission Consultation organised by the Mission Committee of The Asia Pacific Baptist Federation [APBF] on the 2nd & 3rd September 2022, Global Mission Church, Bundang, South Korea)

Resolution: Formation of APBF Mission Partners dated 3rd Sept. 2022

The APBF Mission Consultation held at Bundang, Republic of Korea on 2nd & 3nd September 2022 brought together 30 Mission Leaders from APBF Member Countries and partnering Mission Agencies to refresh, reignite, rejuvenate the Mission leaders to bear more effective witness for Jesus Christ and all His teaching more intentionally – in every nation, in every sphere of society, and in the realm of ideas with strategic focus to find the best and strategic ways to maximize the effectiveness of Baptist missions in the Asia-Pacific region amid the rapidly changing mission situation.

Having prayerfully considered the conviction expressed in the APBF Holistic Transformation Statement. [APBF Leaders Summit 2021, 20 August 2021] (copy attached),

We acknowledge that mission begins with God and that a Biblical commitment to mission will lead to the holistic transformation of individuals, families, communities, and all of creation.

We affirm and celebrate God's gracious invitation to mission.

We realize that the task of evangelization is much more urgent and demanding than ever before. We remain committed before God that we will work in obeying the Mandate of Jesus Christ with renewed zeal, strategy and vision. (Matthew 24)

We remain committed to the task of bearing worldwide witness for Jesus Christ and all his teaching particularly in Asia-Pacific regions. (Mathew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47)

Taking note of the reports presented, we recognise that there are more than 6000 unreached/unengaged people groups and there is a crucial need to work together across the region and in area hubs if we are to reach people across the Asia Pacific with the good news of Jesus Christ.

We have sensed the strong leading of the Spirit in bringing us together 'for such a time as this' in a rapidly changing world and in a changing international mission landscape.

We underscore that we have clearly sensed the Spirit's leading towards prioritising partnership, collaboration, and networking.

NOW THEREFORE, we endorse and support the APBF 20-year mission strategy, including the APBF Mission Family model of convergence. We support the need to work together across the region and in area hubs if we are to reach people across the Asia Pacific with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Towards this, we unanimously resolve to form the APBF Mission Partners (APBF-MP) as the mission consultative body of Asia Pacific Baptist Churches.

It is recommended that the function and structure of APBF-MP is considered to be a regional component of the Global Baptist Mission Network (GBMN) facilitated by the BWA. In addition, APBF-MP to be a part of the Global Baptist Mission Network and its global collaborative vision while keeping in mind to avoid duplicity of resources in our support of the GBMN. And, also collaborate the input and support of the international partners sharing the same vision.

We call upon and challenge all Member Conventions under the Asia Pacific Baptist Federation to prioritise their commitment to missional partnership, collaboration and networking initiatives of the APBF mission strategy.

Further resolved to request the APBF Secretariat to continue to take all necessary measures to ensure facilitation of practical functioning of the APBF- MP and to take appropriate steps that may be necessary.

To facilitate the process, a Steering Committee is constituted comprising following members:

- 1. Rev. Jolly Rimai, India Chair
- 2. Dr. Tim Lee Adviser
- 3. Rev. Dr. Kang San Tan Consultant
- 4. Rev. Scott Pilgrim, Australia Member
- 5. Rev. Chu Min Ho, Korea Member
- 6. Rev. Ardi Wiriadinata APBF Director of Mission (Ex-Officio- Secretary)

With gratitude to God, we place on record our appreciation to Dr. Tim Lee, for the long and dedicated service, whose efforts have brought us to this point.

We, the undersigned, hereby prayerfully resolve to agree on the above, in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

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