



SCJ ASIAN CONFERENCE 2011
SCJ in Asia: Growth and Challenges in Asian Context
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FINAL RECOMMENDATION OF SCJ ASIAN CONFERENCE 2011

Introduction

Gathered in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from July 25 – 29, 2011 for the Asia Conference at the conclusion of the General Visitation of the Asian entities in 2010, we, the participants from the General Administration, and representatives from Indonesia, the Philippines, India and Vietnam, have listened to the Word of God, to some experts and to one another to create a greater awareness of our mission in Asia as Dehonians. We are grateful for the wealth of the encounter and the discussions particularly on the Asian threefold dialogue. We have sought together on how we might move forward as Dehonians in the rich texture of Asian life, and the grace-filled mission of the Church and the Congregation.

As the end of our gathering we made the following recommendations:

1. As a guiding principle of our work on this continent, we recommend:
that we, the Dehonians in the Asian Continent will allow ourselves to be inspired by the threefold dialogue with the poor, the people of other religions and with the Asian cultures.
2. We will seek to apply this orientation to our life and mission in Asia more specifically in the following areas of our life:

a. Spirituality:

That, because Fr. Dehon's relation to Christ was also a social relationship with the poor and the excluded, we see the threefold dialogue as a natural outflow of our spirituality of the Heart of Christ;

That the Asian Continent open a Center of Dehonian Spirituality. The modalities of this centre will be worked out collaboratively by the leadership of the different entities;

b. Formation

That the formation programs of the entities are structured collaboratively on the continental level;

That the threefold dialogue becomes part of all levels of formation from initial and on-going formation as well as to the formation of laity in our pastoral care;

That the entities assure that all formators are adequately trained;

c. Education

That the entities give priority as a ministry to education in its various forms; by education we mean the formation and development of the total person.

That our educational programs be oriented by our spirituality in accordance with the threefold dialogue;

d. Pastoral work:

That the Asian entities regard our spirituality in the context of the threefold dialogue as a touchstone for the choices and style of our pastoral works;

e. Community life:

That community life, with the openness to the threefold dialogue and diversity, be our primary apostolate;

f. Continental collaboration:

That the Asian entities will continue to meet regularly with a clear structure of responsibilities;

That the Asian entities work collaboratively in the following areas:

- i. Formation
- ii. The Theological Commission of Asia
- iii. Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)
- iv. Economy

g. Economic life:

That the economic principles of religious life (common purse, three year plans, 1 %, clear accountancy, regular financial reports, transparency and self-sufficiency) be clearly applied in the economic life of the entities;

h. Our Mission in Asia:

That the priority of internationality of the General Administration be applied – when possible – in all missions on the Asian Continent (e.g. Taiwan, Papua,...);

i. Role of Manila as a theological center of Asia:

That the Asian entities make use of the theological and spiritual expertise provided by the centers of higher education in Manila, the Philippines;

3. That the Asian Continent entrust to a coordinator to implement the threefold dialogue.

Accepted unanimously by the assembly of the Asia Conference at Yogyakarta on July 29, 2011.