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To: The President of Episcopal Conference his Delegate  
The Person in Charge of Commission for Small Christian Communities (SCCs)/Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) and of SCCs/BECs National/Diocesan Teams

Your Excellency,

***Re: 6<sup>th</sup> AsIPA General Assembly in Nainamadama, Sri Lanka from 18 to 24 October, 2012***

Greetings in the Lord!

We are glad to announce that we will have the 6th AsIPA General Assembly, to be held in Nainamadama, Sri Lanka October, 2012 organized by the AsIPA (BEC) Desk of the Office of Laity & Family (OLF) of the FABC and AsIPA National Team of Sri Lanka.

We hope those who have been in charge of forming SCCs/BECs at national or diocesan level can participate in the 6th AsIPA General Assembly. It aims to clarify the vision of a new way of being church; deepen our understanding of SCCs/BECs; develop integral pastoral approaches to SCCs/BECs and exchange our experiences.

The theme of the assembly is **“Go you are sent forth” (Mt.10:5) - following Jesus in mission: small Christian communities serving and ministering**. Our theme flows from the previous AsIPA GA in 2009, “Do this memory of me” (Lk. 22:19) “Bread broken and Word shared in SCCs/BECs and is related to the theme of the Synod of Bishops on “the New Evangelization and the Transmission of the Faith” this year.

The information flier with details of the 6th AsIPA General Assembly is attached with an application form. The application form to be returned by June 10, 2012.

With cordial best regards,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**+Bishop Rolando J. Tria Tirona, OCD**  
Bishop of Diocese of Infanta  
Chairman, FABC-OLF

**Bibiana Joo-hyun Ro**  
Executive Secretary  
FABC-OLF-AsIPA (BEC) Desk

**6<sup>th</sup> AsIPA General Assembly**  
**FABC OLF AsIPA (BEC) Desk & AsIPA National Team of Sri Lanka**  
**Chintana Center, Nainamadama, Sri Lanka**  
**18 - 24 October, 2012**

**1. Dates:** October 18<sup>th</sup> (Thur.) to 24<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) 2012

- a) The duration of the assembly: 7 days with arrival and departure.
- b) **Participants to arrive by Oct. 18th** and lunch at 12.30 p.m.  
(Registration will be from 10 am to 3 pm. on Oct.18<sup>th</sup>)
- c) Sri Lanka national SCCs rally will be held on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) 9:00-12:00, 2012 at Tewatte Basilica. Concluding ceremony will be incorporated into national SCCs rally and closing Mass of GA.
- d) **Departure date** could be **either on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) in the afternoon or 25<sup>th</sup> (Thur.) in the morning.**

**2. Venue:** Chintana Center, Nainamadama, Sri Lanka .

: Nainamadama is situated in the Diocese of Chilaw. It is 17 KM from the Katunayake International Airport (app. 30 mins. drive).

**3.Theme:** øGo you are sent forthø (Mt.10:5) - following Jesus in mission  
Small Christian Communities serving and ministering

**4. Total Number of Participants:** about 165

- a) 110 overseas + 40 Local + 15 resource persons (ART and speakers): Full time participants

**5. Criteria of Participants:** AsIPA (BEC) practitioners

- a) *Applications should be sent through the national SCCs/BECs team within the country.*

**6. Tiered Registration Fee:** It depends on national/diocesan financial situation.

- a) Full Registration Fee: 320 USD
- b) Subsidized Registration Fee: 200 USD
- c) Minimum Registration Fee: 50 USD
- d) For bishops: It depends on their countries.

Please indicate in your application form the contribution you wish to make.

**7. Reimbursement**

- a) Reimbursement for bishopsøairfare will be on request.
- b) Any subsidies will have to be negotiated before confirmation of application

**8. Visa**

- a) All countries, except Singapore need visa to enter Sri Lanka. Online Application of visa is possible. You need not go to the embassy to apply for visa.
- b) Local Organizers will inform the application process for those who apply.

**APPLY NOW. APPLICATION FORM ATTACHED**

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**Chintana Center, Nainamadama, Negombo, Sri Lanka**  
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**APPLICATION FORM – 6<sup>th</sup> AsIPA General Assembly**

Name (underline family name): \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Name you wish to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

National \_\_\_\_\_ or Diocesan \_\_\_\_\_ Team (*✓ tick where appropriate*)

I will need a letter of invitation for Visa purpose: Yes  No

Please fill items 1 ó 6 as **shown on passport** (*All personal information will be kept confidential*).

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Passport Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (for the team): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel no: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax no: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tiered Registration Fee** (per participant): (*✓ please tick where you wish to make contribution*)

a) Full: 320 USD  b) Subsidized: 200 USD  c) Minimum: 50 USD

*Any special dietary needs:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Please kindly send this application to the AsIPA (BEC) Desk by June 10, 2012. More information and guidelines will be sent once your application is received.**

Send to: Bibiana Joo-hyun Ro, Executive Secretary, AsIPA Desk of Office of Laity and Family of the FABC  
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