February 2, 2012

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: 6th 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, ï””Do this memory of meô (Lk. 22:19) ï””Bread broken and Word shared
in SCCs/BECs and is related to the theme of the Synod of Bishops on ï””The New Evangelization and
the Transmission of the Faithô 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
1. **Dates:** October 18th (Thur.) to 24th (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. 18th)  
   c) Sri Lanka national SCCs rally will be held on Oct. 24th (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. 24th (Wed.) in the afternoon or 25th (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:** Go you are sent forth (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 bishops' airfare 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**
**APPLICATION FORM – 6th AsIPA General Assembly**

Name (underline family name): ___________________________ Male ☐ Female ☐

Name you wish to be called: ___________________________________________

Designation: ________________________________________________________

Diocese: __________________________ Country: ____________________________

Diocesan or National ☐ ☐ Team (√ tick where appropriate)

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

Please fill items 1 – 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: _______________________________________________________

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Contact Person (for the team): ___________________________________________

Contact Address: ______________________________________________________

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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 EMAIL: asipa.fabc@gmail.com or FAX: 82-2-460-7545 or ADDRESS: 643-1, Junggok 1-dong, Gwangjin-gu, Seoul, Korea (Zip Code 143-912)