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The **International Fellowship of Mission Theologians (INFEMIT)**, of which ISACC is a part, together with Greenhills Christian Fellowship, warmly invite you to the global forum, ***Gospel, Culture and the Asian Churches (GCAC)***, with the theme, ***“Christian Minorities Under Pressure: Life and Witness in Restricted Contexts.”*** This will be held on October 2-3, 2015, from 8 am to 5 pm at Greenhills Christian Fellowship, Ruby road, at the back of Robinsons Galleria, Ortigas Center in Pasig City.

GCAC is a two-day annual gathering of people engaged in Integral Mission in the Asia region. It is meant to stimulate reflection on issues confronting the churches in Asia, particularly the interface of religion, culture and social development. By serving as a venue for sharpening the witness of the churches, GCAC hopes to engage sensitively Asian religious traditions that rival Christianity in philosophical depth and comprehensiveness.

In the light of the rise of political religions like ISIS, this year's GCAC will focus on the Christian minorities in the region, and the issues they face. It will seek to find ways of helping the witness of churches facing restrictions and persecution.

Once again, it brings together local and international scholars like the missiologist-historian Dr. Andrew Walls from Scotland, theologian Dr. William Dyrness from the US, missiologists Dr. Matthew Jeong from Korea and Mr. Goh Keat Peng from Malaysia, and our own Dr. Jose De Mesa, Rev. Mac Bradshaw and Bishop Cesar Punzalan. They will set forth the theological and missiological perspectives we need in responding to the increasing crisis posed by militant religions.

There will be a survey of the state of persecution in Asia as presented by Lucila Arboleda of Open Doors, and case studies on practical witness in Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist and Communist contexts. These will be done by invited guest



scholars and mission practitioners like Dr. Matthew Ling from Malaysia for Muslim witness, Dr. Timothy Hwang Tae Yun for Hindu context, and Dr. David Lim for Buddhists. Ms. Menchit Wong of Compassion International and Dr. Grace Dyrness will facilitate the discussion on witness to communist states.

To earth the discussion on how all this goes down to our actual practice as churches and organizations, there will also be break-out sessions on practical responses by those in the various professions, like universities and seminaries, faith-based development organizations (FBOs), civil society organizations (CSOs), those in business in the marketplace and media practitioners. These will be likewise facilitated by local and international practitioners like Dr. Grace Dyrness, Ms. Jing Sinay Ocampo, Mr. Ian de Ocampo, and Mr. Rene Resurreccion.

The registration fee for the two-day event is P1,000, or roughly US\$ 22.00, which covers logistical costs, light snacks and materials. There is a discounted rate of P900.00 for early-bird registrants and those who come in groups of 3. For details and online registration, please visit www.isacc.net.

We trust that you will come and find this gathering highly stimulating and useful for your own work for the Kingdom.

Yours warmly on behalf of GCF and
INFEMIT-Asia partners,

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