

Education and Instruction

(formerly Theological Education — Lectures)



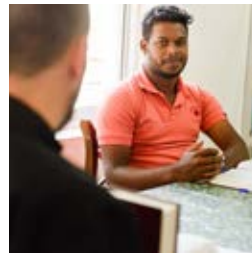
Support is needed to provide theological training for Lutheran pastors and church leaders in Asia.

Gathering to meet face-to-face emphasizes common Lutheran teachings, while strengthening the faith of the attendees and building new relationships with other Lutherans across 12 different countries in Asia.

Purpose of Gathering

Seven of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) partner church bodies in Asia provide theological training through eight seminaries, yet most lack the resources to bring pastors and church leaders together regularly. Theological education meetings respond to the real needs of partner church bodies. Congregations often struggle simply to pay the pastor a salary, much less send him for continuing education.

Many of the Asian Lutheran church bodies are young and emerging, and these gatherings offer much-needed encouragement in faith and practice and a renewed perspective for growth and maturity. Providing a clear witness of our confessional Lutheran teaching is a valuable component of regional summits. Partner churches in Asia regularly request these theological instruction meetings.



Potential Upcoming Meetings

A goal for 2021 is to host an all-Asia theological conference. The hope is to bring together at least two pastors or church leaders and a theological educator from each of the seven partner church bodies in the region for a three-day instructional gathering.

Small, in-country seminars are also very practical for our partner church bodies and can be held more frequently to address country-specific ministerial concerns. Costs for these educational experiences begin at \$150 per person

and include local transportation costs and instructional materials.

These seminars might last only a single day in some cases, but the pastors take the resources and training they have received back to the people of God they serve. And they teach what they have been taught. By supporting theological conferences in Asia, you help build, shore up and encourage church bodies all over Asia in Lutheran theology, and therefore the Christian faith.

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