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**To the Heads of CCA Member Churches and Member Councils**

**Asian Ecumenical Institute — 2026**  
***Theme: ‘Hope for Liberation Amidst the Groaning of Creation’***  
**5–31 July 2026 | Chiang Mai, Thailand**

Esteemed Ecumenical Colleagues,

Greetings from the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

The Asian Ecumenical Institute (AEI), a month-long ecumenical formation training course annually organised by the CCA, is aimed at training young prospective Asian church and ecumenical leaders. We are pleased to inform you that **AEI – 2026 will take place from 5–31 July 2026** (*arrival in Chiang Mai on 5 July and departure on 31 July*) **at the CCA Headquarters located on the Payap University campus in Chiang Mai, Thailand.** AEI-2026 will focus on the theme “Hope for Liberation Amidst the Groaning of Creation” (Romans 8:19-21).

A team of distinguished theologians, biblical scholars, academicians, ecumenists, social scientists, activists, and educators will serve as resource persons for the training.

Admissions will be limited to twenty-four (24) participants who will be selected from among the applicants nominated and sponsored by CCA member churches and member councils. **The deadline for receiving the completed applications is 24 April 2026.**

Details of the application process, scholarships for academic-related expenses, subsidies for board and lodging, and travel bursaries are provided in the attached background information for your reference.

We kindly request you to nominate suitable candidates to apply for AEI-2026.

With all good wishes,  
Yours along the journey,

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