



## **Culture and Religion in Asia ~Interreligious Understanding~**

The following is representative listing of recent United Board grants made in support of Culture and Religion in Asia, in the area of Interreligious Understanding.

### **NORTHEAST ASIA**

#### **Hong Kong Baptist University**

##### *Asia Interreligious Development Network*

This three-year project aims to build a network of academics and practitioners in interreligious and inter-faith dialogue and to develop curricula for interdisciplinary General Education courses and modules, which can be adapted to the needs of each context. In this second year of the project, participants will launch pilot projects, and the two key coordinators will make four to six regional site visits to provide guidance and support. Through a one-day videoconference, participants will present updates and identify next steps in curriculum development/course design.

#### **Renmin University of China**

##### *Theology & Humanities: Joint Project of Summer Institute*

This seven-day summer institute aims to improve the level of Christian studies in mainland China. It will encourage the interdisciplinary study of literature, philosophy, fine arts, and religious studies, and it will provide a platform for young scholars all over China to share experiences in teaching and studying humanities and theology. The theme of the 2015 institute is "Theology and Humanities: Confronting Contemporary Crises" and it will be held in Henan Province.

### **SOUTH ASIA**

#### **All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE)**

##### *Building a Humanity for Peace - Policy and Programme Development on Interfaith Dialogue in Action (Phase 3)*

To celebrate AIACHE's 50th anniversary, heads of colleges and education policymakers will be invited to review policies and future needs related to interfaith dialogue and the

ecumenical unity of churches, and assist in building a harmonious and sustainable society.

**Asian Centre for Cross-Cultural Studies (ACCS)**

***Asian Academy of Christian Studies and International Journal of Asian Christian Studies***

Building on the publication of *The Oxford Handbook of Christianity in Asia* (2014), Dr. Felix Wilfred and ACCS aim to launch the *International Journal of Asian Christian Studies*, a biannual academic journal on religion and society. To harness the energy from the wider Asian context, a new Asian Academy of Christian Studies will provide support to the journal's editorial board.

**SOUTHEAST ASIA**

**Duta Wacana Christian University**

***The Role of Christian Higher Education in Inter-religious Peace Building (Yr 5)***

The grant is for a “harvest activity” of the four-year project, including a publication on the process and findings of the series of workshops on the role of Christian higher education institutions in interreligious peacebuilding. Publication will feature the reflections and/or experience of participants in the workshops.