



Face the Facts

Purpose: The program is intended to provide a 4-5 action reflection exposure to the realities of an unjust world that is embedded in the greed of a subjugative world order, where poverty, pollution, deforestation, modern day slavery, class and caste systems, gender discrimination are just some of the realities of the age in which we exist and will be prevalent in the locations of the program.

Additionally participants will explore the theological, socio-political and economic frame of the concept of empire; Examining nation states and institutions that are outposts of this phenomenon that defines the life of many for the benefit of the few.

Who: For 10-12 participants both laity and clergy and will facilitate practical engagement with the context and the people.

The participants should be persons whom the sending church intends to use in practical way within their home context to share what they have learned.

Objective: To facilitate an opportunity for participants to understand context of struggle, and explore the underlying socio-political and economic structures that facilitate a persistence of these situations.

To engage participants in understanding that mission is equally prophetic engagement and support of those who have had their ability to speak their struggle taken from them.

Methodology: 4-5 weeks of practical exposure, theological and sociological reflection September to October annually.

1. Selected and assigned pre reading prior to travel
2. Action reflection methodology which implies immediate practical exposure to the context of struggle.
3. Lectures and seminars on the history and sociology of the context.
4. Bibles studies and lectures on prophetic socio-political analysis.
5. Comparative reflection and critique of their own home context.
6. Final paper for publication via CWM website or communication team.

Criteria for participants –

1. A person in good health as the program will potentially involve activity in difficult circumstances

2. Clergy or Laity committed to understanding situations of struggle and embracing a willingness to engage on behalf of the marginalized in their own context.
3. Churches will be invited to make two recommendations one male and one female to ensure gender balance in the final group.

NB – It is envisaged that the program in its initial year will be hosted by Peace for Life an Ecumenical Justice and Advocacy agency based in the Philippines. Peace for Life is connected to the United Church of Christ in the Philippines a WCRC member church. Additional information on Peace for Life can be obtained at the following web address <http://www.peaceforlife.org/>. WCRC will be invited to name two participants each year.