



## **THE 12<sup>TH</sup> CONTINENTAL ASIA CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENTS**

*Baan Phu Waan Pastoral Training Center, Nakorn Pathom, Thailand  
November 11-14, 2022*

**“INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE: ADVANCING THE MISSION OF CHRISTIAN  
FAMILY MOVEMENTS IN ASIA”**

*“ . . . with your blood you purchased for God persons from  
every tribe and language and people and nation.” (Revelation 5:9)*

### **Objectives:**

1. To know and understand the basic Christian foundations of interreligious dialogue: tradition, Scripture and Church documents.
2. To experience the harmonious presence and movement of the Holy Spirit in religious diversities.
3. To build mutual respect and understanding between Christianity and the mainstream Asian religions so that the mission of the Christian Family Movements in Asia may prosper.

### **Conference Chairpersons**

Alex Joseph and Shubha Alex

### **Conference Translators**

Yela Smit and Michael Phichit Sukeewat

### **Program Timekeeper**

Sandra Williams

## **PROGRAM**

### **Friday, November 11, 2022**

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.      Registration and Welcome Snacks

- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Concelebrated Holy Mass  
Main Celebrant: His Excellency Bishop Silvio Siripong Charatsri  
President, Catholic Commission of Thailand for the Laity, Desk of the Family  
Lector: Yela Smit, CFM Thailand International Unit  
Conference Secretary
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies  
Conference Chairpersons: Alex Joseph and Shubha Alex
- Entrance of Colors (CFM Asia March)
  - Thai National Anthem
  - ICCFM Hymn
  - Lighting of Conference Candle / Thanksgiving  
Nop and Elma Muangkroot  
CFM Thailand Advisers and Past ICCFM Presidents
  - Invocation by CFM/CFSM Asia Chaplain  
His Excellency Bishop Gerardo A. Alminaza
  - Welcome Address  
Michael Phichit and Lucia Achara Sukeewat  
CFM Thailand Presidents and CFM/CFSM Asia Vice-Presidents
  - Recognition of Country Delegates and Special Guests  
Elliot and Grace Kam, CFM/CFSM Asia Vice-Presidents
  - Opening Remarks  
Anita Lukose and Lukose Vallatharai, CFM/CFSM Asia Presidents
  - Presidents' Message  
Pip and Wilma Cua, International Confederation of Christian Family Movements (ICCFM) Presidents
- 6:30 – 6:40 p.m. Introduction of Keynote Speaker  
Hector and Dayani Peiris, CFM Sri Lanka Presidents
- 6:40 – 7:20 p.m. Keynote Speech: "Interreligious Dialogue: An Overview and the Church Perspective"  
Rev. Fr. Alexis Clement Prakash Fernando  
CFM Sri Lanka National Chaplain
- 7:20 – 7:30 p.m. Group Photograph
- 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dinner and Thai Cultural Performance by *So Cho Kho* Group  
*Loy Krathong* Festival Celebration  
Emcees: Jate and Anny Muangkroot
- 9:30 p.m. Rosary in the Chapel (optional) led by CFM India and Retire

**Saturday, November 12, 2022 (SEE)**

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Concelebrated Holy Mass  
Main Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Sidney J. M. Mascarenhas, O.F.M., Ph.D.,

CFM India National Chaplain  
Lectors: Jacqueline and Luke Kumaraguru, CFM Singapore Presidents

- 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:15 – 9:20 a.m. Call to Assembly and Announcements by Conference Chairpersons
- 9:20 – 9:40 a.m. Introduction of Keynote Speaker  
Michael Phichit and Lucia Achara Sukeewat, CFM Thailand Presidents
- 9:40 – 10:30 a.m. Keynote Speech: “Integration of Religion and Local Culture: Core of Interreligious Dialogue”  
His Excellency Bishop Joseph Chusak Sirisut  
President, Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Thailand  
Q&A
- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Simultaneous Sessions  
Session 1 (For Countries without CFM and other interested delegates)  
“Sharing Family Evangelization Programs and Introducing the CFM”  
ICCFM Presidents Pip and Wilma Cua  
ICCFM Chaplain Bishop Gerardo Alminaza  
CFM Asia Presidents Anita Lukose and Lukose Vallatharai  
CFM Asia Chaplain Rev. Fr. Arulraj Gali
- Session 2 (For Countries with CFM and other interested delegates)  
“Keeping the CFM Growing and Going”  
Monsignor Manuel Gabriel, CFM Philippines Assistant National Chaplain
- 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. CFM/CFSM Asia Continental Report  
CFM Asia Presidents Anita Lukose and Lukose Vallatharai
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 – 6:30 p.m. Exposure to Buddhist and Hindu Places of Worship and City Tour  
(Buses will be at *Baan Phu Waan* Lobby Entrance)
- 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dinner Cruise on the *Menam Chao Phya*, River of Kings
- 9:30 – 10:00 p.m. Return to *Baan Phu Wan* with Rosary in bus led by CFM Philippines and Retire

### **Sunday, November 13, 2022 (JUDGE)**

- 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. Concelebrated Holy Mass  
Main Celebrant: His Excellency Bishop Gerardo A. Alminaza  
ICCFM Chaplain and CFM Philippines National Chaplain

Lectors: Thelma and Sonny Mendoza, CFM Philippines Presidents

- 8:45 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:30 – 9:35 a.m. Call to Assembly and Announcements by Conference Chairpersons
- 9:35 – 10:30 a.m. Panel Presentation: “Religious Traditional Worship and Interreligious Dialogue as Lived by Three Major Religions in Asia”  
(Each speaker begins with a traditional prayer and has 15-20 minutes.)
- Buddhism: Buddhist Monk
  - Islam: Muslim Imam
  - Hinduism: Hindu Priest
- Q&A
- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. “Meditation, the Path to Spirituality”  
Rev. Fr. Andrew Prasert Lohaviriyasiri, CSsR, CFM Chaplain
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Panel Presentation “Sharing Experiences in Maintaining Harmony in Interreligious Families”
- Catholic and Hindu Family: Anita Lukose and Lukose Vallatharai
  - Catholic and Buddhist Family: Roj and Yuie Muangkroot
  - Catholic and Indigenous or Tribal Family: Watcharaphong Meesapkwang and Phannee Boonchuchokchaikul
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:10 p.m. “Interreligious Dialogue in Action: Family Evangelization Services of the Bishops Conference of Thailand Open to All Religions”  
Rev. Fr. Joseph Phuwanart Naenna, Director, Catholic Commission of Thailand for the Laity, Desk of the Family  
Q&A
- 2:10 – 2:30 p.m. Workshop instructions by Conference Chairpersons  
Setting up workshop areas (Conference room and outdoors)
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Workshop: “Finding Common Values and Resolving Conflicts Through Interreligious Dialogue in Asian Families and Communities”
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Coffee Break
- 4:00 – 4:50 p.m. Workshop Reports by Group Representatives
- 4:50 – 5:00 p.m. Introduction of Keynote Speaker  
Remedios and Ninfa da Silva, CFM India Presidents
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Keynote Speech: “Fostering Interreligious Dialogue To Advance the Mission of Christian Family Movements in Asia”

Rev. Fr. Arulraj Gali, CSC, CFM/CFSM Asia Chaplain  
Q&A

- 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Recapitulation of Main Points  
In English: Alex Joseph and Shubha Alex  
In Thai: Michael Phichit and Lucia Achara Sukeewat
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm Dinner  
(ACCFM Board will sit together for Meeting and Elections)
- 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Cultural Presentations by Member Countries  
Emcees: Rene and Inday Pronstroller, CFM Philippines Advisory Board
- 9:30 p.m. Rosary in the Chapel (optional) led by CFM Sri Lanka and Retire

### **Monday, November 14, 2022 (ACT)**

- 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. Country Reports by CFM Countries (10-15 minutes each)
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Country Reports by New Countries (10 minutes each)
- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Oathtaking of New CFM/CFSM Asia Presidents and Flag Handover  
Presentation of Conference Resolutions by Incoming Presidents  
Acknowledgements, Thanks and Announcements
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Concelebrated Holy Mass (in Thai)  
Main Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Bunsong Hongthong  
CFM Thailand National Chaplain  
Lector: Piyanuch Sangthonglang, CFM Thailand National Secretariat
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Farewell Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Board Buses for Hotel or Airport

### **COST**

1. Board and Lodging – Price for 3 nights with breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks  
(From November 11 afternoon snacks and dinner to November 14 lunch)
  - Single room occupancy: Baht 7,000 (\$ 205 USD) per person
  - Double room occupancy: Baht 5,600 (\$165 USD) per person
2. Registration Fee – Baht 2,450 (\$70) per person or Baht 4,550 (\$130) per couple

