

2018 APAMEI Conference

RESOLUTION ON MAKING PEACE PEACEFULLY

Asia-Pacific Association of Methodist-related Educational Institutions

WHEREAS, At the APAMEI Conference Nov. 1-4, 2018 at Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India, themed "Transcending Boundaries for Peace: Making Peace-Peacefully," His Excellency Honorable Shri Ram Naik, Governor of Uttar Pradesh, in his welcome address challenged us to pass a resolution on peace; so with deep appreciation of his participation in our gathering and in response to his challenge, we approve this resolution on making peace peacefully;

WHEREAS, Peace is essential to the positive development of humanity and our mutual security and prosperity, and is God's intention and deep purpose for humanity; yet peace is threatened today by rising hyper-nationalism, racism, intolerance, sexism and other malicious ideologies that create boundaries separating people and promote violence in the name of peace;

WHEREAS, In an age when persecution and suppression and conflict were common, when people were separated by boundaries such as race and religion and social standing, Jesus taught to love your neighbors and your enemies, to pray for those who persecute

you, to forgive others, to overcome evil with good, and to seek peace;

WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi emphasized the importance of peace education with the words, "If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, As educators and leaders of Methodist-related educational institutions from countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region, we commit ourselves to transcend boundaries for peace and to foster peacemaking and peaceful coexistence in our schools, in our communities and countries, in the Asia-Pacific region and for the world;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We encourage our schools, colleges and universities and all educational institutions to promote international peace education in the Wesleyan tradition for the next generation so that young people with a vision for peace can transcend boundaries, and realize peace with justice in this world.

Adopted by the APAMEI General Meeting

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