

## Council of Asian Congregations

### Report

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- 1 The Council includes the following congregations:
  - 8 Korean
  - 2 Taiwanese
  - 2 Chinese
  - 1 Indonesian
  - 1 English speaking Chinese
  
- 1.1 Over the last year, with warm support from the Council of Assembly, the Council of Asian Congregations has been working towards establishing a new way of organising its life and contributing to the whole Church. Since February 2006 there has been a trial process for an “Asian Commission” in partnership with Auckland and North Shore Presbyteries and Assembly groups. The trial has been regularly evaluated, including in meetings with representatives of the Council of Assembly, and has, to date, been positive for all concerned.
  
- 1.2 The Council of Asian Congregations seeks to continue the trial until the next Assembly. Over the next two years we plan to expand the relationships with presbyteries to Christchurch and Wellington that have Asian congregations. We will build up experience, understanding and trust among our constituent groups and with other parts of the Church. At the same time we will work, with the Council of Assembly, on the legal and constitutional issues involved in a Commission, with a view to bringing a proposal to GA08.
  
- 2 **Building a Dynamic, Cross-cultural, Interactive Church**
  
- 2.1 The Council of Asian Congregations is fully committed to being a part of a national Presbyterian movement in Aotearoa New Zealand. In order to facilitate this and to further its own mission among Asian people in Aotearoa New Zealand, the Asian Commission will seek the authority to carry out its life and ministry in partnership within the whole Church.

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