

Alan Brash Memorial Appeal

23 April, 2008

Dear Friends

Some Final Information

Thank you for your support for the Alan Brash Memorial Appeal.

The final total of donations and other contributions given to cover costs came to well over \$16,000. This is an excellent affirmation of the place Alan holds in our affection and of our admiration for him and his contribution to ecumenical work in Asia.

Christian World Service will be sending the funds to the Christian Conference of Asia along with their annual core donation in early June. With it will go a letter outlining our expectations: i.e. that the money raised in the appeal be put into the Endowment Fund whose aims are :

- A residential course for a period of one month on peace and conflict transformation rooted and grounded in the liberative spiritualities of Asian religions.
- Scholarships to deserving candidates from least -developed countries (Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Bangladesh etc.) to study theology.
- To bring together on a regular basis scholars and practitioners from diverse faith communities and from no faith to draw out the ethical, spiritual, religious, theological and missiological implications on issues related to ecology, global warming and genetic research and share their findings with diverse groups and faith communities in Asia.
- To bring together religious leaders from around the world to create a platform to reflect on critical issues facing the world and to articulate a coherent and a critical voice to challenge the empires, principalities and powers of this world.
- To bring together Asian theologians, peace practitioners and activists to engage in the task of producing theologies that are contextual and relevant for our times.

We held two excellent events to launch the appeal, in Mairangi Bay and in Christchurch. It was great to see so many of Alan's family and friends present. The appeal was then circulated among well-wishers and among the churches of CCA in New Zealand.

Our prayer is that Alan's belief in and enthusiasm for ecumenism in Asia will continue to bear fruit.

May Christ's peace be with you.

Yours sincerely



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