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## Bridgebuilders Network of Presbyterian Women And Women of Associated churches

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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Friends of Bridgebuilders,

Across oceans and continents

warm greetings from Taiwan! I wish

this letter finds you good both in your mission and family. As the **#Me Too** movement sparks over the continents, it is reminding us that there are still struggles and challenges for women all over the world. Miserably, sexual harassment is just one form of the women's battles, which is frequently unseen or untouchable in many of our societies. In different communities, from the right of education and participation in public affairs to the freedom of speech, marriage and even driving, women are bearing the unequal responsibilities and expectations. The awareness brought by **#Me Too** has been repeatedly advocated in the church mission such as the 'Thursday-in-Black movement' and the 'WCCDOV' (Decade of Overcoming Violence). However, as Christian, we are living in a world of multi-culture and religion; it is our mission to be solidarity with our sisters all over the world and peacefully living with our neighbors.

The Bridgebuilders acknowledges of it and anticipates to actively working on the advocacy of women's rights, responsibilities and all human rights through peace and justice actions.

From 2017, the Women Ministry Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT Women Committee) is again honored with the trust of all Bridgebuilders' members to assist this network to move forward together. For a good communication and information sharing, we dedicate ourselves to publish a quarterly newsletter. With your commission, we are delighted to host the upcoming 'Bridgebuilders Consultation 2020' in Taiwan. We anticipate that our collaborative endeavor will bring a positive impact to the Presbyterian women and related organization.

The PCT Women Committee has committed to promote the rights of women and to bring the awareness of gender balance in all levels of church mission and organization. Therefore, the program such as the 'Gender at a Glance in PCT organization, Thursday-in-Black campaign and Young Women Leadership development' and so on, is the response to our current needs. We believe that similar efforts have been done and continually taking place in your respective churches. Hopefully, with our strive and cooperation in the Grace of God, we would transform this world.

Lastly, in this newsletter, we would like to introduce the new Board Members 2017~2020. Please kindly keep all of us in your prayers and share your support with us as we are taking our responsibilities. We pray that the grace and love of God is always with your family and you. May the Lord bless you from now till we meet again.

With best wishes,

Chung Chih, Hong

President, Bridgebuilders International 2017-2020

## Announcement

It was decided in the 8<sup>th</sup> Bridgebuilders International Consultation that the annual contribution from each member church is increased to 150 USD. Please take ownership of this newsletter for news sharing from your countries.



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## News Sharing from Taiwan

Thursdays in Black: zero tolerance for violence against women, a campaign initiated by WCC, was launched in Taiwan in January 2018 when PCT women held its annual Leadership Training Program. Participants are churchwomen leaders from presbyteries/districts nationwide. They were charged to initiate this campaign in their own presbyteries/districts in order to strive for a world free of violence, rape and discrimination against women.



## President

Chung Chih, Hong is an indigenous woman of Pinuyumayan tribe in Taiwan, who has been serving in church-related organizations since the year of 2000. Chung Chih's engagement of mission is broad from community social work, youth empowerment, and ecumenical movement to the advocacy of women and indigenous women's rights in both church and society. Aside from it, Chung Chih has worked with the Christian Conference of Asia (Executive Secretary, 2006~2007) and the Council for World Mission (Regional Secretary of East Asia Region, 2010~2013). As her journey with the church and ecumenical movement, she finds the importance of the gender equality in the church. She is now preparing her further study in the area of 'Gender, Women and Religious Studies.'



## Vice President

Nancy Lin, is currently a member of Ecumenical Relations Committee of Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. She also serves as the Chairperson of the Ecumenical Advisory Group to the PCT Women's Ministry Committee.



In the past years she has served as Central Committee member of World Council of Churches (WCC); President of Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC);

Chairperson of the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC) and Chairperson of North East Asia Area Council, World Alliance of Reformed Churches (NEAAC-WARC). She was the President of Bridgebuilders International from 2005 to 2008.

Among many church tasks she is involved Nancy commits herself the most in developing and empowering ordinary churchwomen. She is married to a PCT ordained pastor and has two sons.



## Treasurer

Rev. Chang-Mei Lien serves as the Program Secretary for the Women's Ministry and Gender justice Commission in the General Assembly Office of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. She has been working for women's right Promotion, senses awakening, women empowerment, Promote gender equality and Preventing gender-based violence. She is also a member of the Taipei City Government Religious Affairs Advisory Committee. She has a daughter and she enjoys being a single mother. In her personal time, she enjoys the history of Christian art.



## Secretary

Hsiu-Chuan Lin has been working as an editor, writer, and translator for more than 20 years. She works as editor and translator for Christian publishing houses in Taiwan. She has experiences in writing material for children Sunday-school education and women's spiritual formation for PCT.

Also, she was the former Director of the International Bible Society of Taiwan and the former President of Taiwan International Bible Publishing Company. She is the EXCO member and the Treasurer of the Asia Fellowship of Mission 21 Partners from 2012 to 2018. Hsiu-Chuan's main concern has always been how to share the Good News of Jesus with those who do not know Him yet.



## Newsletter Editor

Cindy Huang serves as an evangelist in Presbyterian Church in Taiwan(PCT). She is also a member of Ecumenical Advisory Group in Women's Ministry Committee and Ecumenical Relations Committee in PCT. Besides, she currently has served as executive committee member in Christian Conference of Asia from 2015 to 2020. She devotes herself to women and youth ministry.

