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Mission Newsletter from John & Susan Mehl  
LCMS World Mission

SHANGHAI - The third meeting of the Asia Lutheran Education Association (ALEA) took place in Shanghai at the end of October with 231 in attendance from 16 countries. There 45 workshops offered on a variety of topics and a lot of opportunity for networking and exchanging ideas in informal settings. At the left you can see some of the faces of those who attended a keynote address in the commons area of Concordia International School Shanghai, which offered their campus as the venue for the conference.



In addition to the ALEA conference LCMS World Mission and LCMS World Relief provided several days of workshops for human care workers from partner churches in Asia, and the presidents and bishops of the partner churches met for two days of meetings. It was a busy week in Shanghai.

BANGKOK - During the first week of November, John traveled to Bangkok Thailand to celebrate the installation of Rev. Dr. Len Harms as the Executive Director for the Lutheran Institute of Southeast Asia (LISA). Rev. Sampong Harnpradit was installed as the coordinator for the institute. LISA provides theological education for Thai, Cambodian, Burmese and other Southeast Asian church workers. Rev. Jeff Ehlers, former LCMS missionary to Thailand, preached at the installation service and LCMS pastor, and Rev. Ted Na Thalung did the installing. In the photo to the right you can see Rev. Harnpradit and Dr. Harms.

Earlier in the day, John, Jeff Ehlers & LCMS missionary, Rev. Ted Engelbrecht, attended worship at Concordia Lutheran Church in Phong-Phet. Below you can see a photo taken after church.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- + Pray for the 100,000 students and teachers in Lutheran schools in Asia.
- + Pray for the human care workers in our partner churches in Asia.
- + Pray for the Lutheran presidents and bishops who serve in Asia.
- + Pray for all those involved in theological education in Southeast Asia through LISA.
- + Pray for the Lutheran congregations Bangkok as they seek ways to proclaim the Gospel.



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