

# General Policy Presentation for 2018

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Dear Esteemed EC members, brothers and sisters of ACRP, I would firstly like to express my deepest gratitude to the Indian Host Committee of ACRP for preparing, organizing and cosponsoring this very important EC meeting in the wonderful and beautiful city of Bangalore in India.

It has nearly passed one year since I became SG of this very important organization and movement. I vividly remember that I mentioned in my inauguration speech about the vision and mission of ACRP. It goes without saying that the policy of ACRP needs to be based upon its vision and mission. So, I would now like to share with you all the mission of ACRP articulated in the constitution.

The mission of ACRP is to promote Asian spiritualities and interreligious awareness and harmony as well as global and regional cohesion in the pursuit of peace, justice and human dignity and to uphold and develop the religious heritage of the Asia-Pacific region in accordance with the authentic values of religion and spirituality.

ACRP is affiliated with and operates in accord with Religions for Peace International, its spirit, its mission to advance common action among the world's religious communities for peace and its five guiding principles:

- Respect religious differences,
- Act on deeply held and widely shared values,
- Preserve the identity of each religious community,
- Honor the different ways religious communities are organized and
- Support local and multi-religious structures

The core values of ACRP are responsible cooperation, constructive dialogue, wise leadership and facilitative action.

So, we will always bear in minds and follow the five guiding principles, mission of ACRP as well as the core values of ACRP just I have shared with you.

Also, let us remember that ACRP started its first step with sincere, open-minded dialogue with very concrete actions. The founding spirit of ACRP lies in the motto of “Different Faith for Common Action, in realizing Peace and Justice for ALL, without any exemption”.

At the last Incheon General Assembly, we declared we would pursue growing to be an action oriented organization by putting into practice the commitments and promises us ourselves made and expressed in Assembly Declaration and “Strategic Action Plan” adopted at the last EC meeting in Seoul.

Have we all how seriously looked into declaration and strategic action plan? What have we and are we implementing out of those promises and resolutions in a concrete manner? We now need to think over this question sincerely and self-reflection way.

It’s time not only declare and announce that ACRP seek to be an action-oriented organization or movement. ACRP is a movement of actions. In order for ACRP to be growing so, we need to be a foot-working body, rather than mouth-working one. I am talking to myself, not to you. The pillars of our strategic action plan are promotion for peace, engaging in conflict resolution and reconciliation, building partnership, implementing the commemorative project, and strengthening the organization and its sustainability.

Some of these have been implemented and others have not. So, what are we having and what are we not having? We have clear ACRP mission and purposes. We have clear guidelines and organizational structure. We have wonderful leaders with profound wisdom and experience. But, as all of us know, concrete actions require passion, courage and wisdom. In reality, we need energy and power to take actions. Yes, we need human and financial resources. People of faiths with commitment, dedication to meet the call of God, Buddha, yes we have in front of us. But we need to secure fund from ourselves as well as from others around us.

Therefore, General Policy is as follows;

1. Making effort by each national chapter as well as by whole body to raise fund in each country among members and donors both individual and organizational level.
2. Activating 4 commissions. Each commission makes an effort to take at least one

- concrete action per year based on a strategic action plan.
3. All national chapter makes effort to take or continue concrete action(s), addressing to issues or problems in each country.
  4. ACRP's one or two flagship project(s) sought to be identified at EC or other occasions for furthering efforts of addressing to serious issues in Asia region.
  5. All of us shall start with a first step regardless of its size or scale.

Dear distinguished EC members, brothers and sisters, gathering at the Executive Committee meeting here in Bangalore, generously hosted by RfP India, please help and guide us secretariat in together advancing the sacred way of ACRP lying ahead of us, which may lead to more brilliant society and world. Our solidarity can make ACRP further grow for peace and happiness of all in the world.

However my power is small, I am not powerless.

With my sincere appreciation to you all for giving me this chance of working together with you all,

Peace in Dharma

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