

## Connecting Quakers around the World

### Asia-West Pacific Section (AWPS) of the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)

## Strategic Plan 2020 - 2023

**WHO are we?** The FWCC was established in 1937 to promote closer understanding across the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) around the world. Asia-West Pacific is one of four geographic 'sections' of the FWCC which embraces Friends in India, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand, Thailand, Taiwan, Singapore, the Philippines, Nepal, Myanmar, South Korea, Japan, Indonesia and China. The Asia-West Pacific Section (AWPS) was formally established in 1985 with its first business meeting held at the 1988 FWCC Triennial Meeting in Japan.

**WHAT do we do?** The AWPS brings Friends of varying Quaker traditions and cultures together to celebrate our Quaker heritage, to care for one another and to work collectively on international concerns. AWPS supports Quaker groups and individuals through newsletters, travelling Ministry, 'Companion Meetings', on-line Meetings for Worship and regional gatherings. Friends Meetings, Friends Churches and worshipping groups can choose to affiliate with AWPS, and individuals who do not live near a Quaker meeting can become international members.

**WHY do we do what we do?** As Quakers we are called to live adventurously by putting our faith into practice and living by our testimonies to Peace, Equality, Community, Integrity, Simplicity, and care for the Earth. More than ever before, the world needs to overcome division. By 'seeking that of God in everyone' we have much to offer and receive from being connected to the family of Friends in our region and around the world.

**HOW are we guided?** Quakers believe that every person is guided through a direct relationship with God. Many words are used by Quakers to describe God including the Divine, the Inner Teacher, the Christ Spirit and the Inner Light. Our work is essentially guided by listening to that Inner Light and values of:

**Empowerment** - AWPS encourages Quakers in this part of the world to build strengths and support each other. We value approaches and solutions that can be implemented locally by communities, using local knowledge and experience with support from Quakers throughout the region.

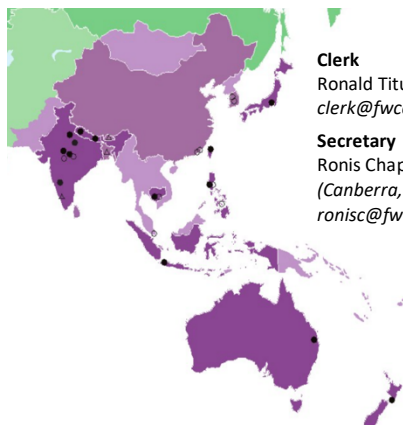
**Diversity** - Through a sense of shared identity, unity and an appreciation of the different ways in which Friends worship, we model global citizenry to our Quaker community and the world. We value inclusion of people of all faiths and traditions, cultures and creeds.

**Partnership** - Through AWPS we can do things together that we can't do alone. We bring isolated Friends and small worship groups together, to actively engage, teach and learn from one another.

**WHERE are we heading?** Connecting, nurturing and inspiring the community of Quakers in the Asia Pacific Region by sharing information and resources with individual Friends, Quaker Meetings and Quaker Churches.

### Asia-West Pacific Section

*23,946 Friends (2017)*



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**Thailand** (45)

*Evangelical Friends*

**Taiwan Yearly Meeting**

**Singapore** (10)

*Singapore Worship Group*

**Philippines** (380)

*Philippines Evangelical Friends Church*

*Berean Monthly Meeting*

*Philippines Bohol Worship Group*

**Nepal** (7,600)

*Evangelical Friends*

**Myanmar** (10)

*Evangelical Friends*

**South Korea** (83)

*Seoul Monthly Meeting*

*Daejeon Monthly Meeting*

**Japan** (120)

*Japan Yearly Meeting*

**Indonesia** (1,800)

*Evangelical Friends*

**India** (3,341)

*Bhopal Yearly Meeting*

*Bundelkhand Yearly Meeting*

*Evangelical Friends – Delhi*

*Evangelical Friends – Kolkata*

*General Conference of Friends in India*

*Mahoba Yearly Meeting*

*Marble Rocks Monthly Meeting*

*Mid-India Yearly Meeting*

*Christian Friends Trust*

**Hong Kong** (27)

*Hong Kong Monthly Meeting*

**Cambodia** (10)

*Cambodia Yearly Meeting*

*Phnom Penh Worship Group*

**Bhutan** (2,000)

*Evangelical Friends*

**Bangladesh** (580)

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**Australia** (1,850)

*Australia Yearly Meeting*

*Aotearoa / New Zealand* (1,000)

*Aotearoa / New Zealand Yearly Meeting*

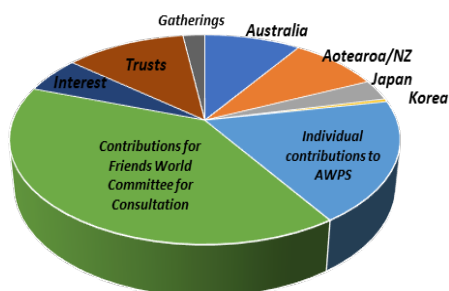
**STRATEGIES to get there?**

1. Engage with the broader Quaker family to achieve positive change
2. Building community across the diverse geographical, cultural and worship traditions of the Section
3. Be relevant & effective in a changing world
4. Seek more sustainable funding for activities in the region

The table below shows activities required to progress each strategy & who is involved in implementation.  Primary responsibility  Others involved/responsible

Strategy	Activity	AWPS Secretary	AWPS Clerk / AWPS Committee	Yearly Meetings / local Meetings / Church Reps	FWCC / QUNO representatives
<b>1. Engage with the AWPS Quaker family to achieve positive change</b>					
1.1	Support Worship Groups, Monthly Meetings & Yearly Meetings throughout the region	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.2	Walking alongside and keeping in touch with those Friends in the region not living close to a Quaker Church or Quaker Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1.3	Participate in the Central Executive Committee (CEC) as an FWCC trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
1.4	Maintain links with other FWCC sections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
1.5	Publish a regular newsletter where Friends exchange ideas and keep in touch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.6	Share FWCC resources & information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>2. Building community across the diverse geographical, cultural and worship traditions of the Section</b>					
2.1	Promote understanding, sharing and appreciation of the diversity of Friends traditions in the Section	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Help meetings & churches to expand on-line Meetings for Worship & on-line resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.3	Organise Section gatherings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.4	Support Young Friends activities in the Section	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5	Publicise World Quaker Day activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. Be relevant &amp; effective in a changing world</b>					
3.1	Manage & update AWPS website, Facebook presence & Regional Directory of Quakers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3.2	Share news of Quakers in the region	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.3	Initiate AWPS workshops in the region	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3.4	Encourage 'Companion' Meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3.5	Establish 'webinars' on key Quaker issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.6	Promote Quaker resources eg. <i>Quaker Speak</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.7	Support the work of Quaker United Nations Offices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.8	Support FWCC, QUNO and regional initiatives on climate change and sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.9	Provide pastoral and spiritual support for Friends projects across the region.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>4. Seek more sustainable funding for activities in the region</b>					
4.1	Support the AWPS Development Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4.2	Identify & promote fundraising opportunities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**2018-19 AWPS Income \$AU42,137**



**Expenditure \$AU39,804**

