

A Letter of Invitation to ASFM 2018

Dear members of Global Household(OIKOS) of God

Best greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus.

We would like to welcome you to come and take participation to our special gathering in South East Asia on Oct 1-5; ASFM 2018. Since 2009, ASFM has been a hermeneutical community in Asia, dealing with missiological issues on the cutting edges of frontier mission.

Last year we attempted to deal with the remaining issues in the history of God's Kingdom development while commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Among many other issues, some key terms such as "ekklesia", "Kingdom perspective", and "Insider Movements" came to surface and converged into the foundational issue of "OIKOS". You are encouraged to visit to IJFM home page, <http://www.ijfm.org/> and read the special issue of IJFM **34:1-4 Oikos: Households in Focus**. Here, Brad Gill, the editor of IJFM, says:

Over the past five centuries of Protestantism, the voluntary principle has been fundamental to the way we now frame our biblical ecclesiology. The church is viewed as a company of the committed, whose whole way of belonging seems to reflect the more modern social imagery of individual citizens who voluntarily cohere in a contractual way. This evangelical model of ecclesial belonging has been powerful and has reached to the ends of the earth. Forged in resistance to the deficiencies of a Roman Catholicism, it has successfully integrated itself into the values, interests and institutions of Western society. At the risk of being reductionist, we might ask: is it possible this historic paradigm of a voluntary church has blinded us to other necessary elements of a Christian movement? This issue of the *IJFM* suggests that it has.

As a continuation, we will deal with many more practicalities and case studies of "OIKOS dynamics". Spending much time of condensed discussion on the OIKOS issues, we arrived at a consensus that OIKOS Pneumatikos (Spiritual

Household)(1 Pet 2:5) must be the blessed families, blessing other families among all nations. As this fact was so fundamental, we decided to articulate it by using a phrase like "Family Blessing Movements" aiming at a global covenant community of God.

ASFM 2018 will be a place where the participants will try to draw the missiological implications of "family blessing movements" realizing the covenant community on this earth. This is to fulfill God's special callings to each one of us, since we have been facing great challenges for the remaining task in God's Kingdom development.

You are invited to this global movement.

John Kim,

Coordinator, ASFM 2018

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General Information on ASFM 2018

- Main Theme: Missiological Implications of “Family Blessing Movements”
- Related Topics: OIKOS Dynamics and Global Covenant Community
- Dates: Oct 1-5, 2018
- Venue: KL, MY
- Registration Fee: U\$250 (two persons/room) / U\$330 (one person/room) (Payment will be made on your arrival at the venue.)

This will include 4 nights staying, all breakfasts, all lunches on Oct 2~5, dinners on Oct 1~3 and snacks/drinks at conference room. There will be outing/fellowship time on Oct 4 and we will have dinner outside.

- Arrival and Check-in: Oct 1, 2018. Only dinner will be available at the hotel.

Check-out: Oct 5, 2018. Lunch will be provided.

Call
for
Papers

ASFM 2018

- Main Theme: Missiological Implications of “Family Blessing Movements”
- Related Topics: OIKOS Dynamics and Global Covenant Community
- Submission Deadline: August 4, 2018 (Completed paper)
June 30, 2018 (Abstract)
- We encourage submissions related to the conference main theme/related topics. Real case studies and practical applications will be more appreciated. However, not only theological/missiological/biblical but also various interdisciplinary areas of approaches will also be welcomed.
- **Completed papers** will be reviewed by ASFM board members and editing work will be made by the editing board of AJFM(Asia Journal of Frontier Missiology) so that they can be published in a mission quarterly of AJFM starting from this fall. Some papers presented at ASFM will be selectively published in IJFM too.
- **Full length of a paper:** no limit. But you need to think about the presentation time. (In average ~ 30 minutes/paper) (One hour will be given for some plenary presentations.)
- We also invite **panel proposals** that cover the topics related to the main theme in a lively and insightful discussion. Proposals for panel discussions should be submitted to john_yoon@psmail.net before the end of August 2018. We will choose two proposals and assign panels including the proposal provider.
- Paper Submission and Any Inquiries: john_yoon@psmail.net or insidersm@gmail.com