

THE 7TH
Advocates Asia

CONFERENCE

2007

COLOMBO - SRI LANKA



*Act justly,
love mercy
& walk humbly*

The 7th Advocates Asia Conference brings together eminent judges, lawyers and teachers of law to learn and share how we in Asia live out our Christian faith in our professional arena. We will discuss the challenges Christian lawyers face and our responsibility to impact our societies and nations in areas such as human rights, peace and reconciliation, ethics, justice and good governance.

Tentative Conference Schedule

Day 1

18th October 2007 – Thursday

Morning – sight seeing

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm Inaugural Ceremony

Day 2

19th October 2007 – Friday

7.30 am – 8.30 am Breakfast

8.30 am – 8.50 am Worship

8.50 am – 9.30 am Devotional message

9.30 am – 11.00 am Session I

11.00 am – 11.30 am Tea

11.30 am – 1.00 pm Workshops

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm Lunch

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm Country Reports & Prayer

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm Tea

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm – Workshops

Day 3

20th October 2007 – Saturday

7.30 am – 8.30 am Breakfast

8.30 am – 8.50 am Worship

8.50 am – 9.30 am Devotional message

9.30 am – 11.00 am Session II

11.00 am – 11.30 am Tea

11.30 am – 1.00 pm Country Reports & Prayer

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm Lunch

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm Workshops

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm Tea

4.00 pm – 5.00 pm – Sharing and Feedback.

5.00 pm – 7.00 pm Free time (Moot Competition finals)

7.00 pm – Closing Ceremony and Dinner

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We live in a world where violence, injustice, corruption and hunger for power at any cost are the norm. In many of our nations, the cry of Habakkuk is echoed, "Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted" (Habakkuk 1: 3 – 4).

In such a world, what is the role of the Christian Lawyer? Very often, we are tempted to separate our Christian faith from our profession; turn a blind eye to injustice and ignore the suffering of others. Sometimes, it may be that we do not want to be labeled "strange" or 'fanatical' or face the consequences of deviating from the norm. Lord William Wiberforce, the great social reformer who, one hundred years ago, devoted his life to the abolition of slavery said, "If to be feelingly alive to the sufferings of my fellow-creatures is to be a fanatic, I am one of the most incurable fanatics ever permitted to be at large."

As Christians, let us draw inspiration from the lives of those who heeded the call to live a life that is true to the teachings of the Bible. The book of Micah 6: 8, says, "...And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God".

'There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility to change them'.

CONFERENCE VENUE HOTEL GALADARI, COLOMBO

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CONFERENCE FEES

The conference fees include registration fees, accommodation and meals (18th dinner to 21st breakfast).

Double sharing: (2 persons per room)
US\$200 per person. Single room: US\$300.

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THE ADVOCATES INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHAPTER

The Advocates International Student Chapter will host the 2nd AISC Moot Competition which will run parallel to the Advocates Asia Conference, at the same venue.

DATES

18th to the 20th of October 2007.

TRAVELING WITH FAMILY

For those traveling with family, please provide details in a separate sheet, together with your application. Cost per accompanying family member is US\$250.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS

The cost of this conference is being covered by conference fees, donations and contributions of individuals and Churches. We encourage you to make a small contribution towards the conference expenses. If you would like to sponsor a lawyer or law student, please contact us.

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