

ACUCA STUDENT CAMP 2016
PARAHYANGAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, BANDUNG, INDONESIA, AUGUST
22 - 26, 2016

1. **Theme:**
“Local Spiritualities and Everydayness: Promoting Religious Conversation in Christian Higher Education”.
2. **Rationale:** Pluralism is a fact, and living the Christian faith in an increasingly secularised world is not always an easy task for the students. Pluralism may give rise to a sort of secularisation within Christianity. The students’ powers of imagination are challenged by the changing societies and environment in a way that might have not been anticipated before. Thus, providing spacious opportunities to have a sharing of faith experience might be an important step for them to reflect on their ways of interpreting and implementing Christian values in everydayness. The learning of knowledge is their actual daily life, but this routine is not always imbued with conversations regarding Christian spirituality. Spirituality is something that invigorates their daily activities, yet there is not enough opportunity to talk about it among them. We can imagine that when the drive of secularisation is getting stronger in the society, faith experiences are in danger of being too much rationalised, especially among the students of higher education. Acknowledging and sharing the faith experiences of encountering Christ through their learning process should be one of the methods to enliven Christian faith in the plural and secularised world.
3. **Objective:** In the line with one of the major plans of the ACUCA, that is, to help Christian universities and colleges in Asia develop their Christian character in the face of a changing society, the Student Camp is oriented towards a different way to experience and acknowledge the Christian spirituality in the students’ journey of learning. This event opens a space of interaction on matters concerning Christian values, spirituality, and religiosity, within the contemporary society that has been strongly influenced by secularism. Students will engage in various activities like common and creative prayers, group workshops and discussions, social and cultural exposure, field walk and intercultural performance. In the dynamism of the organised activities they will be endorsed to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit who lives and breathes in their hearts. Christian spirituality in the everydayness of life will be emphasised through the conversations in order to counter the routine, too rational, and spiritless atmosphere induced by secularism.
4. **Goals:** 2016 ACUCA Student Camp aims (1) to help the students discern and acknowledge the movement of the Spirit in the togetherness and sharing of faith experiences, (2) to endorse the students rediscover the vigour of Christian values in everydayness, and (3) to provide a good opportunity for the students to sense the spiritualities of the local people through the social and cultural activities.
5. **Date:**
August 22-26, 2016 (Monday – Friday)

6. **Venue:**

Aloysius Guest House, Gambung

Jalan Cisondari-PPTK, Gambung Km.7

Bandung, West Java

Indonesia

7. **Activities**

The following activities are to be organised during the 5-day camp:

- Living together
- Common and creative prayers
- Friendship and sharing circles
- Keynote speech
- Presentations from each country (pre-assignment): (a) short essay about the theme by each participant to be submitted in the first week of July 2016, (b) country presentation on Christian spirituality in everydayness that may enliven their faith in the face of a secularised world (students from each country are required to produce a paper and give a 15 minute presentation; they must coordinate together to produce a paper with Powerpoint presentation)
- Group workshops and discussions
- Cultural night
- Social and cultural exposure

8. **Keynote Speakers**

1. Ir. Henry Feriadi, M.Sc., Ph.D

Rector

Duta Wacana Christian University, Indonesia

2. Dr. Stephanus Djunatan

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