



*Transformational Leadership for Mission Now  
and Into the Future The Haven Resort Hotel,  
Ipoh, Malaysia October 4- 30, 2017*

**Opening Ritual**



**Centre Piece**

The 45 participants from 8 Units of Asia Pacific Region and 11 countries gathered at Haven Resort Hotel, Ipoh, Malaysia on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 around the decorated spiral symbol representing the diverse culture and relevance of integrated approach to leadership. The facilitators led the participants into a meaningful prayer and reflection on **“Coming Together”**. It was a moment of getting in touch with our deeper selves, our Units and Congregation. The ritual concluded with an arch dance experiencing the divine presence within us and among us.



**The Arch Dance**

The reflective questions posed by the facilitators Ms Jill McCorquodale and Srs Elaine Basinger and Josita Corera moved the participants into the sacred space of 'birthing to be midwives to one another, reminding each other to trust the process of becoming spiritual leaders'.

The Asia Pacific Formation Core Team, Coordinator, Sr Florence Soe welcomed the participants and expressed the hope that we commit ourselves during the program to renew and reenergize to become more effective as spiritual leaders and equip ourselves for the mission in the rapidly changing world. Sr Joan Lopez, Province Leader, Singapore/Malaysia read the message of Srs Francine Muthugala and Regina Htoo Htoo on behalf of the Asia Pacific Unit Leaders. In their message they reminded the participants of the components of the program that are designed as holistic, experiential and co-learning and of new understanding of Leadership. They envisage the time to be a process of reflecting, engaging in contemplative dialogue, and gathering wisdom in the group towards transformation within oneself for mission.

The participants spent qualitative time on reflecting and sharing the experience and understanding of leadership of their own culture and how it has influenced the leadership of Church, Organisations, Government and other Institutions in their country. Though the participants were from 11 countries it appeared that there were many similarities/commonalities such as patriarchal system and male domination in the society. It was also felt that in spite of negative influence many movements building up today in Asia Pacific Region are towards awareness/conscientization.



***In the group there is a lot of enthusiasm and openness to move forward and learn from one another during the leadership program.***