



China

George and Tobia Veith

George Veith develops teaching materials in Anabaptist theology, conflict transformation and discipleship for churches, seminaries and for the newly founded Anabaptist Resource Centre and the study groups that support it. He is presently working together with an advisory group helping to found a peace centre based in a Hong Kong seminary.

Working as an English instructor at a Chinese university, Tobia Veith seeks to build pathways of peace and understanding through her teaching and interaction with Chinese colleagues and students. She also supports a local congregation in lay-leadership development.





Thailand

Tom and Christine Poovong

Focused on building self-sufficient congregations, Tom and Christine Poovong provide pastoral leadership to emerging Christian communities in northeastern Thailand. They have developed income-generating ministries, including MennoShoes and a mushroom farm, businesses where Christian disciples make a steady income and are able to give back to their local congregations. The goal is to establish self-sustainable, locally run peace churches. These churches have become part of a church-planting organization called Friends of Grace Church Association, which invites newly formed congregations to work together to support each other as they bless the communities where they live.



South Korea

Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park

While a tiny minority within the larger Korean Christian community, Mennonite churches in Korea relate to each other through the formation of Mennonite Church South Korea. Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park have been instrumental in the formation of this church body, while also church planting in Seoul.

Known as a peace-church pastor in a time where many Christians in Korea are eager to know more about biblical pacifism and conflict transformation, Bock Ki is called upon as a resource to the wider church on these topics. He participates in presentations and lectures as well as writing and translation. He has translated more than 30 books on Anabaptism and peace theology and helped found the Korean Anabaptist Journal. Sook Kyoung Park runs an after-school program, teaching English and peaceful education skills to children and youth.





Philippines

Dann and Joji Pantoja

The island of Mindanao is known as a conflict zone in the Philippines. It is also the home of PeaceBuilders Community Inc. (PBCI), founded by Dann and Joji Pantoja. PBCI provides peace-and-justice training for Christian church leaders, Indigenous leaders and civil society organizations. Their vision is that by the year 2025 each of the 81 provinces will have an established Peace and Reconciliation team.

As part of PBCI's sustainable development initiative, Joji works as CEO of Coffee for Peace, a social enterprise that works directly with local coffee farmers to ensure a fair return for their product and responsible environmental practices.